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THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ET AL

vs.

ARAKI, SADAO ET AL

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RETURN TO ROOM 361
MAP. ORU INUMA

Personal History

1. I was born on November 25, 1888, in the city of Nagoya, and am living at 2-3 Chome Kasaimachi, Higashi-ku, Nagoya City.

2. The gist of my personal history is as follows:

- a. 1909 - Graduated Military Academy
- b. August 1937 - Promoted Maj. Gen.; Director of Junior Military Academy
- c. November 1938 - Chief of Personnel Affairs, War Ministry
- d. October 1939 - Promoted Lt. Gen.
- e. November 1939 - Appointed Commander of 110th Div. stationed in North China.
- f. August 1942 - Discharged

3. I was Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau in the War Ministry from November 1938 to October 1939. In September 1939, I recommended Major General Muto as Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau to General Hata who was then the War Minister, as the proper person to be appointed to that position. I made this recommendation in accordance with my duties as Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau. It is the duty of the Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau to make recommendations to the War Minister for the appointment of officers to the various positions in the army.

I made this recommendation after Lt. General Machijiri, the out-going Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau had recommended General Muto as his successor and after I myself had fully considered the opinions of the Military Affairs Bureau and the Personnel Affairs Bureau. In accordance with the regular military procedure in such matters, War Minister Hata then submitted the name of Major General Muto to the Three Chiefs Council. Major General Muto was then designated to the position as Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau by the Three Chiefs Council.

General Hata always followed the regular military procedure in all matters affecting the War Ministry and he accepted my recommendation of General Muto without question and did his duty and submitted his name to the Three Chiefs Conference. My recommendation of Major General Muto, General Hata's acceptance of that recommendation, and his presentation of General Muto to the Three Chiefs Conference and the acceptance by the Three Chiefs Conference of the recommendation of General Muto were all in accordance with regular procedure in such matters in the War Ministry.

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OATH

In accordance with my conscience, I swear to tell the whole truth
withholding nothing and adding nothing.

INUMA, Mamoru (Seal)

On this 15th day of July, 1947, at Tokyo

Deponent: INUMA, Mamoru (Seal)

I, INAMARI, Taitaro, hereby certify that the above statement was
sworn to by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the
presence of this Witness.

On the same date,
at Tokyo

Witness: INAMARI, Taitaro (Seal)

LANGUAGE CORRECTIONS

23 September 1947

Approved translation of
Exhibit 3202, Affidavit of
NODA, Kengo.

1. I was born on April 22, 1891, at my permanent domicile, No. 2609 Kochi Village, Kotaku District, Kumamoto Prefecture and I am now residing at No. 22 Shiomigaoka Machi, Chiba City.

2. The outline of my personal history is as follows:

Graduated from the Military Academy in 1912 and attached to the 55th Infantry Regiment.

Graduated from the Military Staff College in November 1920.

Appointed Chief of the Second Department of the Inspectorate General of Military Training in July, 1938.

October 1939, appointed Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau.

April, 1941, appointed Vice-Chief of Staff of the China Expeditionary Forces.

August 1941, promoted to Lieutenant General.

December 1942, appointed Commander of the Fourteenth Division.

October 1943, appointed Chief of the Office of the Inspectorate General of Military Training.

April 1945, appointed Commander of the 51st Army, and remained in that post up to the close of the war.

3. After the resignation of the Yonai Cabinet, as I was Chief of the Personnel Affairs Bureau, I used the most scrupulous care and attention in recommending the man to succeed General Hata as War Minister. (Sentence deleted-LAB) Language Arbitration Board. I took into full consideration the views prevalent in the various bureaus of the War Ministry and the wishes of the General Staff, and I consulted fully with the Vice-Minister of War, General Anami. After all these consultations and after a thorough-going study I decided that under the then existing circumstances,

Lieutenant General Tojo was suitable and I, as Chief of the Personnel Bureau, recommended him to War Minister Hata as the succeeding War Minister. There were others who were considered for the position of new War Minister, but they were already in other important positions and it was difficult to affect a speedy transfer.

Lt. General Tojo, on the other hand was in Tokyo, holding the position of Inspector-General of the Air Force, and he had formerly been Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau and of the Maintenance Bureau. Further, he had once been the Vice-Minister of War in the Hiranuma Cabinet. I considered him a suitable military administrator and it was the feeling in Army circles that no one except Lt. General Tojo would do, so under these circumstances, I recommended him as the succeeding War Minister. In accordance with this recommendation, General Hata submitted the name of General Tojo to the Three Chiefs Conference held on 18 July 1940. The Three Chiefs after conference were unanimous in recommending Lt. General Tojo as succeeding War Minister. My recommendation of General Tojo, and General Hata's submitting the name of General Tojo to the Three Chiefs Conference was in accordance with the standing procedure for such matters in the War Ministry. As a matter of fact, neither War Minister Hata nor I had any personal relations with Lt. General Tojo in the past nor any intimate relations with him.

LANGUAGE CORRECTIONS

22 September 1947

Exhibit 3198 (Def. Doc. 2044) RP 28,918 line 4
delete from "but in my" to the end of the page and substitute "but my Cabinet completely disregarded such a thing."

"War Minister Hata fully understood and whole-heartedly cooperated in this policy of my Cabinet.

"However a conspiracy arose to overthrow my Cabinet. A good plan for the conspirators was to have General Hata, who was opposed to the Tripartite Pact, resign, thus overthrow the Cabinet and kill two birds with one stone. Finally this plan was carried out. When I received General Hata's resignation, I believed that he was forced to resign, not of his own will, but through outside forces. I am today still convinced that this was so."

RP 28,919, line 1, before "I asked" insert "On the 13th of July 1940".

Line 12, delete from "consequently" to the end of the next paragraph and substitute "and he felt the responsibility. Knowing General Hata's feelings, after the resignation of the Cabinet en bloc, I called him into my room and shaking his hand said, in general, 'I can understand your feelings. You have suffered much. I do not blame you'. He smiled sadly. His situation was indeed pitiful."

"General Hata, as far as I know, was never connected with any clique, association or organization while in the Army or in politics. He, of course, never belonged to any aggressive or ultra-militaristic organization. In fact he scrupulously avoided politics".

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