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Affidavit

I, WAKAMATSU, Tadaichi, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is Kichijoji, Musashino-machi, Tokyo. I was from winter of 1934 until March 1936 chief of the Fourth Section of the Second Division of the General Staff, from December 1940 until the end of March 1941 Director of the Second Division in charge of matters pertaining to military intelligence and information. Thereafter, until December 1942 I was Director of the General Division in charge of personnel administration and education of the General Staff officers, as well as other administrative affairs. Thereafter until October 1943 I was Director of the Third Division in charge of transportation and communication.
2. By order of the Chief of the General Staff I left Japan in November 1935 for Germany and stayed in Berlin for about two weeks from the end of November until the middle of December. My mission was, as it was customary at that time for all Japanese Military Attaches in Europe to meet at certain intervals and study the information brought together, to attend as a member of the General Staff and of such meetings in Berlin. My second mission was to see Military Attache Oshima in order to ascertain the actual situation in Germany.

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With respect to my second mission mentioned above a telegram from Attache Oshima in Berlin had arrived at the General Staff prior to my departure from Tokyo. Although I do not recollect now clearly, its content was vague, saying that: "Ribbentrop wanted to know the view of the Japanese Army as to the idea of concluding an agreement between Japan and Germany providing that Japan or Germany would not help Soviet Russia if a war should break out between Japan or Germany and Soviet Russia." I received prior to my departure from Tokyo an oral order from the Chief of the General Staff to investigate and find out on my visit to Germany (a) the views of the German Army and Government as to the agreement proposed by Ribbentrop, (b) the possibility of concluding an anti-Comintern agreement between Japan and Germany, and (c) who Ribbentrop was, his position and his relations with the German Government.

3. According to an explanation given to me by the Deputy Chief of the General Staff General SUGIYAMA the reason why the Japanese Army wanted to conclude such an agreement with Germany was that Japan, being isolated internationally as a result of the Manchurian Incident was feeling greatly menaced by the powerful armament of Soviet Russia which was growing rapidly by the Five-Years plan; that it was also necessary

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to frustrate the offensive by Communism which is not compatible with the national structure of Japan; and that the approach to Germany was considered as the first step for making the position of Japan more secure by building up an Anti-communistic front with China and Germany, both strategically important to Japan, and, if possible, also with England and America.

4. I left Japan at the beginning of November 1935, and upon my arrival in Berlin at the end of that month I immediately met Military Attache Oshima in order to convey what I was told by the Chief and the Deputy Chief of the General Staff. OSHIMA understood this well and agreed to it. I never heard from OSHIMA or anybody else the idea to conclude this agreement with Germany in order to use it for an attack or waging war against China and other countries.

5. I met, together with OSHIMA, Ribbentrop and General Blomberg, German Minister of Defense, in order to ascertain the German views as to the Japanese-German agreement proposed by Ribbentrop. Ribbentrop suggested on this occasion that a separate Anti-Communistic agreement be concluded between Japan and Germany. I replied on the basis of the above-mentioned explanation by the Deputy Chief of the General

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Staff that the Japanese Army also had such an idea. I left Berlin in the middle of December, arrived in Tokyo at the end of January 1936, and reported what I found in Berlin to the Chief of the General Staff.

6. At that time the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin was Viscount MUSHAKOJI. He was staying in Japan from about the summer of 1935 until about April 1936. Therefore, the Japanese Ambassador was absent from Berlin at that time.

signed in Tokyo, 1 November 1947

Tadaichi WAKAMATSU

Witness : Tatsuki, SHIMANOUCHI