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FORM 2

SUBJECT Dr. OKAWA Shumei

FILE NO. 182

SUMMARY OF EVIDENTIARY FACTS

MADE BY Dr. OKAWA Shumei

ADDRESS Sugamo Prison

- 1886 Born 6 Dec., Sakata, Yamagata-Prefecture. 182-53, p.1
- 1911 PhD conferred by the Department of Philosophy, Tokyo Imperial University, 182-53, p. 1
- 1916 Translator for General Staff, Tokyo. 234-37
- 1916 Joines Roso Kai. 182-25, p. 5
- 1919 Founded Yuzon-Sha. 182-25, p. 6
- 1919 Joined staff of East Asia Research Institute. 182-36, p.7
- 1920 Published a paper entitled "Otakedi". 182-25, p.7
- 1923 Founded Gyochi-Sha. 182-25, p. 8
- 1923 July 20 - published "Various Problems of Reviving Asia". 182-37, p. 8
- 1923 Lecturer at Social Education Research Institute. 182-40, pp. 2, 3, 4
- 1924 Published "Sato Shinen's Ideal State". 182-40, p. 1
- 1925 Published "Asia, Europe, Japan". 182-40, p. 5
- 1926 Became Director General of the South Manchurian Railroads, East Asia Research Institute. 182-36, p. 7
- 1930 Published "Words and Actions in the Japanese Way". 182-37, p. 11
- 1931 March - plotted and planned the March incident. 182-25, pp. 10, 11, 12
- 1931 Plotted and planned the Mukden incident of September 18. 182-37, pp. 6, 7.
- 1931 October - plotted and planned the October incident. 182-25, pp. 10, 11, 12
- 1932 Founded Jimmu Kai. 182-25, p. 9
- 1932 Aided and abetted two naval officers who were ring leaders in the May 15 incident. 182-25, p. 12
- 1933 Tried and convicted for May 15 incident; confined Sugamo Prison. 182-25, p.13
- 1935 Released from Sugamo Prison. 182-36, p. 8
- 1935 Nov. 17 - Published "Japanese History Reader". 182-37, p. 13
- 1936 In the background of the 2.26.36 incident. 182-25, p. 13
- 1936 Received LLD degree for scholarly research on world colonial policies. 182-53, p. 2
- 1938 Established a school for training spies for the War Minister. 234-37
- 1939 Published "Outline of Japan's Cultural History". 182-37
- 1939 Published "2600 Years of Japanese History. 182-37, p. 14
- 1941 Published "Founders of Asia." 182-37, p. 15

SUMMARY EXTRACTED FROM FILE 182 SERIAL _____ F.G.S. (as noted)

NAME OF INTERVIEWER Hugh B. Helm

NAME OF BRILLER Hugh B. Helm

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FORM 2

SUBJECT Dr. OKAWA Shumei

FILE NO. 182

SUMMARY OF EVIDENTIARY FACTS

MADE BY Dr. OKAWA Shumei

ADDRESS Sugamo Prison

- 1941 July 26 - wrote a personal letter to General TOJO, endorsing his policies in the war with China and advocating further aggression southward. 182-36, p. 5
- 1941 October 13 - Published "History of Modern European Colonization". 182-40, p. 10
- 1941 Published a book entitled, "History of Anglo-American Aggression in East Asia". 182-40, p. 12
- 1943 Published "Establishing Order in Greater East Asia". 182-40, p. 12

SUMMARY EXTRACTED FROM FILE 182 SERIAL _____ PAGE (As noted)
 NAME OF INTERROGATOR Hugh B. Helm
 NAME OF BRIEFER Hugh B. Helm

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SUBJECT OKAWA, Shumei, Dr.

FILE NO. 175

SUMMARY OF EVIDENTIARY FACTS

MADE BY YOKOYAMA, Yui

ADDRESS Sugamo Prison

Dr. OKAWA was involved in the May 15th Incident of 1931 and testified in a trial of the conspirators on March 11, 1933.

For reference to his testimony and his efforts to obtain the participation of General UGAKI see Article of March 27, page 6.

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NAME OF INTERROGATOR K.N.Parkinson

NAME OF BRIEFER K.N.Parkinson

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SUBJECT Dr. OKAWA, Shumei

FILE NO.

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EVIDENTIARY STATEMENT MADE BY
ONE DEFENDANT AGAINST ANOTHER DEFENDANT.

Made by: Col Kingoro HASHIMOTO

Address: Sugamo Prison

1. ^{WITNESS} ~~Subject~~ says he plotted with Dr. OKAWA the March, 1931, Incident.
(Page 2, Interrogation HASHIMOTO, 18 February 1946)
2. ^{WITNESS} ~~Subject~~ says Dr. OKAWA plotted the October, 1931, Incident with him.
(Page 4, Interrogation HASHIMOTO, 18 February, 1946)

SUMMARY EXTRACTED FROM FILE ³⁴³ ~~182~~

SERIAL

PAGE NO.

As noted.

NAME OF INTERROGATOR Hugh B. Helm

NAME OF BRINGER Hugh B. Helm

FORM 3

SUBJECT OKAWA, Shumei

FILE NO. 18✓

EVIDENTIARY STATEMENT MADE BY
ONE DEFENDANT AGAINST ANOTHER DEFENDANT.

Dr OKAWA in March 1931 planned to use UGAKI to reorganize the Government. UGAKI refused and the March incident was unsuccessful. OKAWA intended to utilize the military to execute his plans.

Serial 51, Pages 3-4.

SUMMARY EXTRACTED FROM FILE 62 (KOISO) SERIAL 51 PAGE NO. 3-4

NAME OF INTERROGATOR JOHN F. HUMMEL _____

NAME OF BRIEFER JOHN F. HUMMEL _____

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

Doc. No. 1371

16 April 1946

ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

Title and Nature: "General Appearance and Explanation of the May 15th Incident" (Pamphlet edited by the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" newspaper.)

Date: 1933 Original (x) Copy () Language: Japanese

Has it been translated? Yes () No (x)

Has it been photostated? Yes () No (x)

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of:

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" newspaper and the Osaka "Mai Nichi" newspaper

PERSONS IMPLICATED: Dr. OKAWA, Shiumei

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: May 15th Incident

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

Gives a general picture of the May 15th Incident. In short, it shows how those men connected with the Incident were Army and Navy officers in active service and in possession of the latest weapons. Gives detailed particulars of the Incident from beginning to end--assassination of the Premier Inukai, threatening of Makino, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, firing on the Metropolitan Police station, attempt to darken the city, etc.

Histories of various men in the Incident. Such men as Dr. OKAWA, Shiumei, and others are pointed out as being the men who were responsible for planting the seeds of the Incident. The document also gives or names the origins of the Civilian troops engaged in it: AIGO JUKU, SHIZAN JUKU, SHIMBUKAI and the TENOKAI.)

Analyst: 2nd Lt. Klausser

Doc. No. 1371

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

Doc. No. 1402

17 April 1946

ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

Title and Nature: "The Civilization of the World"
March Volume, 1946

Date: 1946 Original (x) Copy () Language: Japanese

Has it been translated? Yes () No (x)

Has it been photostated? Yes () No (x)

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of:

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Legal Staff

PERSONS IMPLICATED: HASHIMOTO, Kingoro; SAKATA; HIGUCHI;
TATEKAWA, KOISO; NINOMIYA; NEMOTO; YAMAWAKI; OKAMURA;
SHIGEFUJI; UGAKI; OKAWA.

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: (1) Preparing public
opinion for war; (2) conspiracy for aggression, MANCHURIA.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

Pamphlet is collection of articles dealing with various
topics. Most significant among articles is that of TANAKA,
entitled "True State of March and October Events," beginning
p. 109. Following is taken from this article:

A. March Event (1931)

1. Establishment of Sakura-Kai (Cherry Society)
during later part of Sept, 1930 (association of patriotic
officers).

2. Organized by HASHIMOTO, SAKATA, HIGUCHI, and
others, totaling about 20.

3. Purpose

a. Reconstruct a glorious Japan even though
use of force if necessary.

4. Preparatory actions to achieve this purpose.

a. Impart to all officers, consciousness of
necessity for national reconstruction.

b. Increase membership (about 500 in May 31).

c. Draw up actual plans for reconstruction.

i. Conflicting thoughts among members
regarding reconstruction plans.

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a) Those desiring destruction of prevailing system first, reconstruction second.
b) Those desiring thorough preparation for reconstruction before destruction.
c) Those undecided or favoring medial measures.

5. Major Developments.

a. UGAKI decides to step into political circle and form cabinet (9 Jan 31).

b. UGAKI confers with SUGIYAMA; NINOMIYA; KOISO; TATEKAWA; YAMAWAKI; HASHIMOTO; NEMOTO regarding measures for reformation of Japan.

c. NINOMIYA instructs HASHIMOTO as follows:

1) Chief military leaders approving UGAKI are: TATEKAWA; KOISO; NAGATA; OKAMURA; SHIGEFUJI; YAMAWAKI.

2) Policy has full understanding of Army and merits use of military force if necessary.

3) Seize present political power only; social and administrative policies to be developed by superiors.

a) Officers lower than rank of captain not to participate.

b) Action is not to be extenuated; a coup de etat following plan of destruction first.

(1) Necessary funds to be paid from secret service money.

(2) Dr. OKAWA to participate in movement; recruit 10,000 men (death band)

(3) Action on day Labor Bill is laid before Diet.

(4) Military leaders eager; army operation clandestinely arranged.

(5) HASHIMOTO to form connecting link with superiors.

d. Meeting of TANAKA; SAKATA; NEMOTO; SHIGEFUJI (7 Feb. 31) planning:

1) Oratorical meeting at HIBIYA to propagandize toward upsetting Cabinet.

2) Day Labor Bill laid before Diet, seize political power; bomb headquarters of MINSEI and SEIYU political parties and home of Prime Minister. (Effect of bombs not to kill, but to create confusion.)

3) Bombers the confidential adherents of OKAWA.

4) OKAWA's 10,000 men to surround Diet from 8 directions, under competent leaders.

5) Army to invest Diet on pretext of protection; intercept all interior and exterior traffic.

6) Certain Lt. Gen. (unnamed in article) to enter Assembly Hall with KOISO or TATEKAWA and others; proclaim UGAKI Prime Minister and request SHIDEHARA and others resign.

7) Messengers to KANIN and SAIONJI fixed; operate to obtain Imperial command to UGAKI to form cabinet.

(SHIGEFUJI and HASHIMOTO overjoyed at completion of plan.)

e. Meeting 8 Feb 1931 with TATEKAWA; decision to hand plans to UGAKI and await day of execution.

1) Enthusiasm of participants begins to decline.

2) NAGATA and OKAMURA begin positive opposition.

3) Mobilization of OKAWA's 10,000 becomes doubtful.

f. Due to above, movement discontinued.

1) Against insistence to proceed of SHIGEFUJI and HASHIMOTO.

2) HASHIMOTO had already delivered 300 bombs to OKAWA.

3) UGAKI requests OKAWA to stop movement due to unfavorable conditions.

The above is a brief resume of March Event. October Event related between pp. 116-127.

FILE NO.: 218

9 April 1946

RE : FURUNO, Densuke

On 8 April the undersigned interviewed FURUNO, Densuke at Sugamo Prison in an attempt to learn which of the principal defendants he might know well enough to give information of value to the cases against them. (Interview conducted in English).

Statements in FURUNO's file (#218) indicate he was very close to TOJO and was consulted by TOJO on all matters of propaganda. (In compliance with orders not to interview anyone re TOJO, this relationship was not discussed).

Statements in FURUNO's file indicate a close relationship with HOSHINO, Naoki. (After consultation with attorneys interested in HOSHINO, this relationship will be discussed at a future interview).

FURUNO stated that he was friendly with the following principal dependants in varying degrees of intimacy:

HASHIMOTO, Kingoro, Colonel
OKAWA, Shunsei, Dr.
SUZUKI, Teiichi
MUTO, Akira

SATO, Kenryo
ITAGAKI, Seishiro, General
OKA, Takasumi

(After consultations with attorneys preparing cases against the above defendants, FURUNO will be further interviewed if deemed necessary).

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1 Lt. Larrh

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RICHARD H. LARSH

2d Lt., Infantry

FORM 3

SUBJECT OKAWA, Shumei, Dr.

FILE NO. 182

EVIDENTIARY STATEMENT MADE BY
ONE DEFENDANT AGAINST ANOTHER DEFENDANT.

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PAGES

- 147 OKAWA was quite radical and close to the army and militarists.
- 148 He strongly advocated expansion of Japan into China.
- 33 In March 1931 incident OKAWA took part. He was to make commotion outside the Diet while MORI made commotion inside, and UGAKI was to go in under pretense of stopping the commotion and grasp the power. Did not hear OKAWA admit this. MORI is dead.
- 37 OKAWA and SHIMUZU, as KIDO heard, were maneuvering gre nades which were to be thrown in the assembled crowd around the Diet building, and thus cause outside commotion for the March affair.
- 40 OKAWA just worked for left wing.
- 163 OKAWA with Colonel OBATA and Colonel SUZUKI connected with the March incident advocating internal reconstruction and to institute military government.
- 169 The army itself came to conclusion that OKAWA was involved in the March incident. Generally believed he was involved in it.

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- 210 Does not know who caused OKAWA's arrest over June 16 incident, but generally believed he was connected with it as well as the October and May incidents. He was not tried.

VOL. VI, SERIALS 47-

- 372 OKAWA and NISHIDA clashed on their theories and made division of the Rightists among the military.
- 396 Believes OKAWA had no connection with 26 Feb. 1936 incident because he was connected with Tosei group, and incident was created by Kodo group, since OKAWA and NISHIDA had fallen out and NISHIDA was with the Kodo group.

SUMMARY EXTRACTED FROM FILE 5

SERIAL PAGE NO.
(As above noted) (As above noted)

NAME OF INTERROGATOR B. E. Sackett

NAME OF BRIEFER G. C. Hardin

PERSON implicated 182

OKAWA, Shumei

Interrogations Implicating Defendants

Interrogation of YOKOYAMA, Yui

dated 3 Apr 46, contains information on
above. It has been
placed in file under Case No. 175, serial
No. 49.

FORM 2

SUBJECT OKAWA, Shumei

FILE NO. 182

SUMMARY OF EVIDENTIARY FACTS

MADE BY TANAKA, Ryukichi, in booklet
entitled "Probing the Cause of
Defeat". Document 780.

TANAKA mentions a plan proposed by OKAWA to put an end to the Chinese Incident. He suggested a barter deal with the United States giving Japan iron and gasoline which would be a severe blow to Chinese fighting spirit and would thus bring about an end to the Incident. TOJO opposed this plan.

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SUMMARY EXTRACTED FROM: Document 780.

SERIAL: As indicated.

NAME OF BRIEFER: Major John Hummel

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

Doc. No. 1606

14 May 1946

ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

Title and Nature: Personnel Records--Defendants

Date: 7 May 46 Original () Copy (x) Language: English

Has it been translated? Yes () No ()

Has it been photostated? Yes () No (x)

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable)

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Central Liaison Office

PERSONS IMPLICATED: 28 Defendants. ✓

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE:

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

Personnel records of cabinet members, Chiefs of Section, Supreme War Council, etc.

/A.N. Documents submitted in compliance with SCAP Memo of 11 Apr 1946. Mentions 5 copies but only 3 received in this Division./

Analyst: Mr. Phelps

Doc. No. 1606