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REURAD WAR 80671, 22ND JUNE 47, HELD ANOTHER CONFERENCE WITH  
  OF IPS WHO REPORTS FOLLOWING:

1. ON 27TH OCTOBER 1940 JAPANESE PLANES SCATTERED QUANTITIES OF WHEAT GRAIN OVER NINGPO. EPIDEMIC OF BUBONIC PLAGUE BROKE OUT 29TH OCTOBER 1940. KARAZAWAI AFFIDAVIT IN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW CONFIRMS THIS AS ISHII DETACHMENT EXPERIMENT. 97 PLAGUE FATALITIE

2. STRONG CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE EXISTS OF USE OF BACTERIA WARFARE AT CHUHSIEN, KINGHWA AND CHANGTEH. AT CHUHSIEN JAPANESE PLANES SCATTERED RICE AND WHEAT GRAINS MIXED WITH FLEAS ON 4TH OCTOBER 1940. BUBONIC PLAGUE APPEARED IN SAME AREA ON 12TH NOVEMBER. PLAGUE NEVER OCCURRED IN CHUHSIEN BEFORE OCCURRENCE. FLEAS WERE NOT PROPERLY EXAMINED TO DETERMINE WHETHER PLAGUE INFECTED. AT KINGHWA, LOCATED BETWEEN NINGPO AND CHUPIEN, 3 JAPANESE PLANES DROPPED A LARGE QUANTITY OF SMALL GRANULES ON 28TH NOVEMBER 1940. MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION REVEALED PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS GRAM-NEGATIVE BACILLI POSSESSING THE MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PESTIS. INOCULATION TESTS WERE PERFORMED ON GUINEA PIGS IN JANUARY 1941 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO EPIDEMIC OF PLAGUE OCCURRED IN KINGHWA. AT CHANGTEH A JAPANESE PLANE DROPPED WHEAT AND RICE GRAINS, PIECES OF PAPER, COTTON WADDING AND UNIDENTIFIED PARTICLES ON 4TH NOVEMBER 1941. BETWEEN NOVEMBER 11TH AND 23RD, 5 CASES OF SUSPECTED PLAGUE OCCURRED AND 1 CASE DEFINITELY DIAGNOSED AS BUBONIC PLAGUE. NO EVIDENCE OF PLAGUE FOUND AMONG RATS AND CHANGTEH NEVER BEFORE AFFLICTED BY PLAGUE.

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3. AT TIME OF FORWARDING OURAD C 53169 ONLY SOVIET SYNOPSIS OF AFFIDAVITS WERE AVAILABLE. SINCE RECEIPT URAD WAR 80671 FULL JAPANESE TEXTS OF AFFADAVITS HAVE BEEN SECURED AND TRANSLATED. FROM KARAZAWA AFFADAVIT IT APPEARS AFFIANT WAS ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURE OF GERMS AT ISHII UNIT 1939 TO 1944. BETWEEN AUGUST AND DECEMBER 1940 ISHII, ACCOMPANIED BY 100 SUBORDINATES, LEFT FOR HANG-CHOW, CENTRAL CHINA, FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL TEST. AFFIANT MANUFACTURED 70 KILOGRAMS OF TYPHI AND 5 KILOGRAMS OF CHOLERA BACILLI FOR THIS EXPERIMENT. 5 KILOGRAMS OF FLEAS INFECTED WITH PLAGUE WERE LIKEWISE PRODUCED. THE SUBJECT OF EXPERIMENT WAS SPRAYING OF BACTERIA BY AIRCRAFT IN THE ZONE OCCUPIED BY THE CHINESE ARMY. AFTER THE EXPERIMENT A PLAGUE EPIDEMIC OCCURRED AT NINGPO. AFFIANT WAS ADVISED OF THIS BY ENGINEER MINATO, MAJOR TAKAHASHI AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL IKARI WHO PARTICIPATED IN IT AND AFFIANT SAW CHINESE NEWSPAPERS DEPICTING INCIDENT, WHICH PAPERS WERE GATHERED BY PERSONS SENT TO CHINA TO INSPECT RESULTS. IN WINTER, 1939, ISHII TOLD AFFIANT THAT HE HAD EFFECTIVELY EXPERIMENTED WITH CHOLERA AND PLAGUE ON THE MOUNTAIN BANDITS OF MANCHURIA. ABOUT JULY, 1942, ISHII SENT TO CENTRAL CHINA AGAIN WITH ABOUT 70 SUBORDINATES CARRYING 130 KILOGRAMS OF TYPHOID AND PLAGUE BACILLI AND NECESSARY FLEAS INFECTED WITH PLAGUE. AT THAT TIME THE JAPANESE HAD EXECUTED RETREAT OPERATIONS AND ISHII INFECTED THE VICINITY OF CHUPSIEH AND YUSHAN WITH TYPHOID AND PLAGUE BACILLI. AT THE AGIA EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS WERE MADE 7 OR 8 TIMES DURING 1943 AND 1944 WITH PLAGUE AND ANTHRAX BACILLI ON HUMAN BEINGS. THE GANDARMES FURNISHED MANCHURIANS FOR THESE EXPERIMENTS WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH. DIRECTORS OF THIS EXPERIMENT WERE ISHII AND IKARI. AFFIANT OBSERVED SOME OF THESE EXPERIMENTS AND WAS ADVISED REGARDING OTHERS BY IKARIA, MAJOR HINOFUJI AND TAKAHASHI. MANY TONS OF MATERIALS FOR CULTIVATION OF BACILLI WERE ACCUMULATED IN 1944 FOR PREPARATION OF MASS PRODUCTION OF BACTERIA.

4. FROM KAWASHIMA AFFIDAVIT IT CLEARLY APPEARS THAT ISHII DETACHMENT HAD SECRET MISSION OF STUDYING USE OF BACILLI AS A WAR WEAPON. EXTENSIVE EXPERIMENTS WERE CONDUCTED BY DROPPING PEST-BACILLI INFECTED FLEAS FROM AIRPLANES AND BY DROPPING BOMBS CONTAINING LIVE FLEAS. THESE EXPERIMENTS WERE CONDUCTED UPON ANIMALS AND 20 MANCHURIANS UNDER THE DEATH SENTENCES. KAWASHIMA AFFIDAVIT MAKES NO MENTION OF EXPERIMENTS AGAINST CHINESE TROOPS OR ON CHINESE CITIES. ACCORDING TO THIS AFFIDAVIT, MAJOR GENERAL KITANO SUCCEEDED ISHII AS COMMANDER OF THE UNIT IN AUGUST, 1942.

5. IPS OF THE OPINION THAT FOREGOING INFORMATION WARRANTS CONCLUSION THAT JAPANESE PW GROUP HEADED BY ISHII DID VIOLATE RULES OF LAND WARFARE, BUT THIS EXPRESSION OF OPINION IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION THAT GROUP BE CHARGED AND TRIED FOR SUCH. KARAZAWA AFFIDAVIT WOULD NECESSARILY NEED COLLABORATION AND TESTING FOR TRUSTWORTHINESS BY A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BEFORE PROSECUTIVE ACTION IS DECIDED UPON.

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6. WITH REFERENCE TO 5F OURAD C 53169 IPS DID NOT INCLUDE ANY EVIDENCE REFERENCE BW IN ITS CASE IN CHIEF BECAUSE AT TIME OF CLOSING CASE IT COULD NOT ASSURE THE TRIBUNAL UNDER ITS RULINGS THAT THE ACCUSED OR SOME OF THEM WOULD BE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ACTS OF BW GROUP. SINCE SEEING TRANSLATION OF KARAZAWA AFFIDAVIT IPS MORE CERTAIN THAN BEFORE THAT SOVIET PROSECUTOR WILL ENDEAVOR IN CROSS EXAMINATION OF ONE OR MORE OF THE ACCUSED TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR THE USE IN REBUTTAL OF SOME OF THE EVIDENCE ABOVE RECITED AND OTHER EVIDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM THEIR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION IN MANCHURIA AND IN JAPAN.

7. COPIES OF PERTINENT AFFIDAVITS ARE BEING FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

REFERENCES NOT IDENTIFIED BY OCU.

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