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quote [copy of original attached]:
(1) “I knew from the time when it happened on that the Japanese army did terrible things when the Japanese occupied Nanking in Showa 12 (1937). Things like that they tied Chinese prisoners in a row and shot them dead.”
(2) “It seems that there is a debate on whether the massacre at Nanking took place or not, but at the time most of the people who were somehow involved were acquainted with the facts. I can not say whether His Majesty (the Emperor) knew about it, but at one occasion he remarked that ‘This is quite different from the time of the Russo-Japanese war’.”

I hereby swear on this day of , 2000, that the information contained above is accurate and the quotation genuine.

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