

EXH 206



JE 9. Affidavit on Documentary Evidence ▲ important

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Title of Document: 「昭和天皇にも残虐行為報告 三笠宮殿下語る」 "Prince MIKASA Tells That He Reported to Emperor Showa on Cruel Behavior"

Author of Document: Newspaper article of the ASAHI SHIMBUN

Date of Issue: June 16, 2000

Character of Document: This is an article reporting the comments Prince MIKASA, the emperor's youngest brother, made on June 15, 2000.

According to the article, Prince MIKASA informed the emperor of a slaughter by the Japanese military during the war.

Location of the part concerned within the document: (Investigation to be needed)

Quote [Copy of original attached]:

"On June 15, Prince MIKASA (84) attended a party to celebrate the seventieth birthday of a Japanese painting artist, HIRAYAMA Ikuo, held in a hotel in Bunkyo Ward, Tokyo. He said in his address, "I shrank in fear at the sight of the Japanese military's cruel behavior in China during the war and I told Showa Emperor about this." The prince touched upon this matter in relation to HIRAYAMA's contribution to cultural exchanges between Japan and China. Prince MIKASA worked for the General Headquarters in Nanking during the one-year period beginning in 1943. In his autobiography Kodai Orient to Watashi (The Ancient Orient and I), published in 1984, he wrote about the Japanese Military's cruel behavior he personally saw or heard of: "I saw hostages still alive stabbed with bayonets," and "We were forced to see a movie showing experiments in toxic gases done on human beings."

I hereby swear on this day of October 15, 2000, that the information contained above is accurate and the quotation genuine.

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三笠宮崇仁殿下(八咫)は十
 五日、東京都文京区のホテ
 ルで開かれた日本画家、平
 山郁夫さん(モ)の古希の祝
 いに出席し、あいさつで

**朝 昭和天皇にも
 残虐行為報告**

三笠宮殿下語る

「戦時中、中国での日本軍
 の残虐行為を間近にして、
 身の縮む思いをしました。
 そのことを昭和天皇に報告
 したという経験もありま

三笠宮殿下は一九四三年
 から一年間、南京の総司令

部に赴任した経験があり、
 八四年に出版した自叙伝
 「古代オリエント史と私」
 の中では、自分が見聞きし
 た日本軍の残虐行為につい
 て「生きた捕虜を銃剣で突
 きささせる」「毒ガスの生
 体実験をしている映画も見
 せられました」などと書い
 ている。

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