

work. Witness heard about the execution of 10 August about the 17th when at Hiraō Caves Headquarters Tomomori informed him that what had been done the other day had been done in the dark, namely that the execution which he had attended had not gone through the formal procedure. It was witness' impression that Tomomori had thought that the execution he had witnessed was a lawful one. Witness heard the Emperor's Rescript at Fukuoka headquarters and after that went to the Hiraō Caves Headquarters along with Isa, Fukushima, Tomomori and Yakumaru. There was no

he reprimanded him. On 12 August the major portion of the Adjutant Section was moved to Hirao Caves. The broadcast was heard in Fukuoka. Fukushima went to Hirao Caves in the morning and left there a little before noon and arrived at Kaminohashi, the Fukuoka headquarters, to listen to the broadcast. The removal from Fukuoka to Hirao Caves was by order of Isa, the witness having suggested this move in view of the possibility that Fukuoka might be subjected to atomic bombing. After this order was given, Kusumoto did not consult the witness

It was not a conference. After the reading of the Rescript on August 15th he returned to Hirao Caves with Isa and Fukushima and he recalled seeing Aihara at the cave at that time (R. 757-60).

which were kept in the headquarters and to throw them into Hakata Bay. It was not unusual at the time to ask him, an officer of the Legal Section, to perform such a duty for most of the headquarters had already moved to Hirao and there was only a skeleton crew left at Fukuoka. Ito was not present in the headquarters at the

of war should be killed is not so. He went to see Sato for another reason for on the 14th he had been asked by Fukushima to instruct the Adjutant Section to prepare for the transfer of the headquarters from Hirao to Yamaie and also related the message regarding the surrender broadcast. He told this to Yukino of the Adjutant Section. On the 15th he left Hirao with Yukino to listen to the surrender broadcast and on the way Yukino inquired as to what would happen as to the remaining prisoners of war, whether they would be transferred to Yamaie headquarters or sent to higher authorities, and he went into Sato's room in order to obtain this information (R 816).