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Administrative History: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East (IMTFE) is very similar to the Nuremberg trials, which aimed to try the biggest war criminals of the European Axis Powers. However, the IMTFE was the result of the Potsdam Declaration which promised justice for the atrocities committed by Japanese war criminals and in January 1946, General MacArthur, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, issued a proclamation that established the Tribunal. The IMTFE held many similarities to the Nuremberg trials, such as the types of crimes that could be prosecuted and how these were defined.

Overall, the International Military Tribunal for the Far East tried twenty-eight Japanese war criminals in Tokyo from 1946 until 1948. Justices, representative of eleven Allied nations, made up the prosecution. These nations included Australia, Canada, China, France, Great Britain, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Soviet Union, and the United States. Those tried included both civilians and Japanese military members. These war criminals were accused of actions that went beyond military necessity and justification and were based on actions committed during WWII. By the end of the trial, two defendants had died and one was placed in mental facility. However, out of the remaining defendants, seven were sentenced to death, sixteen given life sentences, and two given sentences between 7 and 20 years. While those tried included political and military leaders, Emperor Hirohito was not charged and was allowed to keep his position as Emperor.

Scope and Content: Within this collection are the transcripts from the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, also known as the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal. The Tribunal took place from May 1946 until November 1948. This collection includes one month of testimony from April 1948.

The last folder contains a typescript of Sinsho Hanayama, Buddhist priest, Sugamo Prison, ca. 1948.
System of Arrangement: Included in this collection are defendant profiles, trial transcripts, and other documents from the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal from 1946 to 1948. The collection is arranged first by profiles of the defendants on trials, including twenty-five of the twenty-eight initially on trial. The second series is transcripts from the trial and finally, the third series is on judgements and conspiracy.

This collection has three series:

I. Defendant Profiles 1:1 – 1:25
II. Trial Transcripts 2:1 – 3: 29
III. Judgements, Conspiracy 4:1 – 4:14

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Languages and Scripts of the Material: Materials entirely in English.

Custodial History: These documents were donated by Daniel Mahoney, an alumnus of the Gonzaga Law School in 1989. His father, Willis Mahoney, was a lawyer and former state representative from Washington when he went to Japan to assist the chief prosecutor, Joseph Keenan. Willis Mahoney, however, became the acting chief prosecutor when Keenan became ill. When Mahoney came back, he brought two sets of records of the trial and donated one set to the National Archives and the other set to his son with the expectation that they be donated to Gonzaga or University of Oregon. They are now housed in the Gonzaga University Archives and Special Collections. This typescript about his interactions with Japanese war criminals donated to Gonzaga in 1989 by John E. Ginn, who was stationed at Sugamo Prison and received the typescript from Sinsho Hanayama.

Notes: The following are a list of references used for this finding aid.

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1:5 Hiranuma, Kiichiro, Prime Minister (1939), President of the Privy Council
1:6 Hirota, Koki, Prime Minister (1936-1937), Foreign Minister (1933-1936, 1937-1938)
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