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Confidential memo, 3 Sept 1944, Serial DIS-031400, from Commander in Chief, U S Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas. Subj: ~~CINCPAC-CINCPOA Preliminary POW Interrogation Report No. 66 - TANAKA, Shigehiko, Sergeant, Signal Unit, 43rd Division, captured 9 July 1944, Saipan.~~

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~~After being taken a prisoner, POW heard from another prisoner, a navy man whose name he does not remember, that during February 1944 28 American flight crew members were executed by Japanese firing squads on Truk as retaliation for the heavy carrier attack. POW said that this information seemed very reliable to him.~~

POW had no explanation for these inhumanities, or for the many cases he had heard of inhumanities carried out by the Japanese in China except on the basis of ignorance of the lower classes. He says that the Japanese are very far behind the Americans in their progress towards humanity and that much education is still required along those lines, a task which he proposes for himself.

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