

A Memorandum on the Interrogation to the Susupect

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As to the Japanese practice of the interrogation by police or prosecutor to the susupect under arrest or detention at the investigation stage, the susupect is not allowed to refuse the interrogation by his own initiative. He is required to stay in the interrogation room and is not allowed to lieve the room. This memorandum tries to approve of the present practice menshoned above and to show some reasons to sustain it. For this purpose, this paper refers to the nature or character of the detention of the suspect at the investigation stage, and also to the status of the suspect.

On the other hand, I am of opinion that the practice should be revised to make it more visible and transparent by introducing the messures such as videotaping or taperecording the interrogation process of the suspect.