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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

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Despatch from Mukden, 4 Nov 1931 (Serial 4-1-236)

Cable from Consul-General HAYASHI refers to KWANTUNG Army Hdqtrs arrangements to have the functions of the Provincial governments in Manchuria performed in the name of local Peace Preservation Societies. These arrangements were the result of the delay of YUAN CHIN-KAI in reorganizing the Public Peace Preservation Societies into Provincial Governments.

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Despatch from Mukden, 4 Nov 1931 (Serial 4-1-237) Re Proposed Plan of Organizing Local Peace Preservation Societies. The opinion of Staff Officer ITAGAKI was unfavorable. Reference is made to MA CHAN-SHAN as the central figure in the reorganization. Similar cables were sent to HARBIN and China.

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Despatch from Mukden, 6 Nov 1931 (Serial 4-1-253)

Reference is made to cable sent on 5 Nov by Army Hdqtrs in which it was ordered that the Peace Preservation Society's Proclamation add wording to the effect that relations shall be severed with CHANG HSUEH-LIANG's former regime and the National government of the Republic of China.

It is revealed that the matter is under deliberation by the committee members of the Peace Preservation Society and department members of the government. The objection presented is that since the MANCHURIA INCIDENT has become a vital question in Japan and abroad that criticism may be brought against the severance of relations with the National Government of China.

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No. 4-1-237

From Consul-General HAYASHI at MUKDEN

To Foreign Minister SHIDEHARA

Despatched from MUKDEN ^{P.M.} Nov. 4th 1931

Received

A.M., Nov. 5th 1931

Cable No. 1192 (Cipher Code).

Referring to the proposed plan of organizing LOCAL
(PEACE) PRESERVATION SOCIETIES / [REDACTED] "CHIHŌ-IJIKAI")

with MA CHAN-SHAN as the central figure, as per my

No. 21

Cable to TSI TSIHAR and Cable No. 105 to the MINISTER,

on having one of our Consular staff members advised

staff officer ITAGAKI at once, the latter remarked

setting aside

that, although LOCAL (PEACE) PRESERVATION SOCIETIES

subsequent to MA CHAN-SHAN's expulsion, such SOCIETIES

to have such SOCIETIES merely become changed in
form only by leaving MA as he is and by ~~adding~~
appointing a few JAPANESE Advisers would not only
be absolutely meaningless, but to force same on
to MA would be nothing else than interference in
CHINA's internal affairs; also adding that, although
MA's Army looks outwardly as being superior ~~to~~
to CHANG's forces, in view of the fact that the
AMUR Provincial Army is the poorest in quality of
among the ~~—~~ armies of the THREE EASTERN
PROVINCES and also as) ^{all of} their comparatively superior
elements have moved within the KWANTUNG LEASED

regarding

make a definite

TERRITORY, it would be difficult to forecast the

issue (of a battle) ~~as well~~, so that immediate approval

as well

cannot be given to the premise that CHANG HAI-PENG

— ~~the~~ constituting the starting-point of the question

of backing up MA CHAN-SHAN ~~is past~~ — stands

no chance of winning. ~~It~~ ITAGAKI is said to

have also remarked that the ARMY's idea is to
leave matters entirely to the free-will of

~~the~~ ~~leave~~ let CHANG's forces proceed northwards
as to whether they ~~will~~

or otherwise after the repairing of the NONNI ~~BRIDGE~~

in any case

(MERGEN) RIVER Bridge, but that, ~~it was + they were~~

(T.N. the ARMY) were of the opinion that, ~~any~~ ^{such} ~~case~~
as permitting

a matter ~~in letting~~ a party like MA CHAN-SHAN

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who enjoys
enjoying the backing of the SOVIET UNION hold

the reins of power in AMUR PROVINCE ~~and~~ would
serve as a ~~great~~ obstacle when the time should +
new regimes of the
various NORTH-EASTERN PROVINCES should seek the
recognition ^{by} of JAPAN and the POWERS after having
become incorporated into one single body.

Furthermore, I am informed that the ARMY HEAD-
QUARTERS will be wiring to Major HAYASHI to
the effect that they are opposed to the ~~plan~~
proposed plan regarding LOCAL (PEACE) PRESERVATION
SOCIETIES.

Similar cables were also sent ^{simultaneously} to HARBIN, the MINISTER,

and CHINA.

T.N. The Chinese Characters in Red imply
and Japanese

"FOREIGN OFFICE" and "Form No. "Fa ("to")

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