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Most Urgent!

Re telegram No. 1171 x) of the thirtieth
x) BRAM

For the Reichsminister.

I transmitted to the Foreign Minister on 24 December according to instructions No. 1154 x) the information of the Reichs Foreign Minister, x) RAM 381 which visibly delighted him himself, and asked for a speedy reply. The Foreign Minister today, after the conclusion of the cabinet changes of the last few days, made a report to the Emperor, who received the plan kindly but reserved his decision. The Foreign Minister, who again assured me what great store he sets by the accomplishment of the journey, plans to get himself given the most far-reaching possible authority from the cabinet, and above all the War Minister. He held out the prospect of a final answer in the middle of January.

The Foreign Minister holds it expedient that before his arrival in Berlin Ambassador OSFIMA should have already presented his credentials. As OSFIMA informs me, he will probably arrive in Berlin at the end of January. The Foreign Minister would then follow after an interval of 7 to 10 days.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, W. P. Cumming, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. That I am an Attache of the United States Department of State on the Staff of the United States Political Adviser on German Affairs, and as such I am a representative of the Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.). That in my capacity as above set forth, I have in my possession, custody, and control at the Berlin Documents Center, Berlin, Germany, the original captured German Foreign Office files and archives.

2. That said original Foreign Office files and archives were captured and obtained by military forces under the command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and upon their seizure and capture were first assembled by said military forces at a Military Document Center at Marburg, Germany, and were later moved by authorized personnel of said Allied forces to said central documents center, above referred to, and known as the Berlin Documents Center.

3. That I was assigned to said document center at Marburg, Germany, on August 15, 1945; and said captured German Foreign Office files and archives first came into my possession and control while I was stationed at Marburg, Germany, and that thereafter the same have continued in my possession and custody and under my control.

4. That the document to which this affidavit is attached is a true and correct photostatic copy of an original German Foreign Office document which was captured from said German Foreign Office files and archives, and which came into my possession and custody and under my control in the manner above set forth.

5. That said original document, of which the attached is a photostatic copy, is being held and retained by me in order that it may be examined and inspected by various interested agencies, and a photostatic copy of said original is hereby furnished and certified to because of the unavailability of said original for the reasons above set forth.

s/ W. P. Cumming

W. P. CUMMING

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 1946.

s/ G. H. Garde

G. H. GARDE
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Acting Adjutant General

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