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From: Commander of Kwantung Army.

To : War Minister and Chief of General Staff.

Telegram No. : Kan-San. 355.

"Following the northern expedition of the kirin army, the former TING CHAO Army looted Fuchiatien, and fighting broke out today centering around the Japanese cemetery and the airfield of Harbin. Our air officer was shot. Harbin is becoming disorderly. Taking these circumstances into consideration, the Kwantung Army wishes to accomplish the protection of our residents by dispatching a unit composed of not more than two infantry battalions, in case hostilities are likely to extend to the city of Harbin. Kindly give your approval in advance."