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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: File of Various Documents Regarding Sino-Japanese Joint Declaration of War and Sino-Japanese Agreements for Cooperation in War, compiled by First Section of Treaty Bureau

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LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

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SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Foreign Ministry

PERSONS IMPLICATED: TOJO, Hideki; TANI, Masayuki; AOKI, Kazuo; SHIGEMITSU, Manoru; others

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Sino-Japanese relations

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

I. Record of Debates at the Privy Council Committee Meeting concerning the Sino-Japanese Joint Declaration and Sino-Japanese Agreement. 8 Jan 1943.

1. Four documents concerning the execution of the retrocession of concessions and relinquishment of extra-territorial rights. Drafted 15 Feb 1943.

II. Documents concerned with negotiations with China.

1. Message handed from President Wang Ching-Wei to Premier TOJO on 21 Dec 1942.

In this message Wang says that China would participate in the war in cooperation with Japan.

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2. Instructions issued from Foreign Minister TANI and Greater East Asia Minister AOKI to Ambassador SHIGEMITSU to China on 29 Dec 1942 ordering opening of negotiations to conclude various agreements with the National Government of China.

3. General plan for dealing with the agreements to be concluded with the National Government of China when China participates in the war. (no date)

(a) Joint declaration of Japan and China concerning cooperation for the prosecution of the war.

(b) Abandonment of Japan's concessions in China.

(c) Transferral of the Shanghai International Settlement and Amoy International Settlement.

(d) Japan's mediation in the relinquishing of the French and Italian concessions in China.

(e) Transferral of Japanese legation's quarters in Peking.

(f) Relinquishment of extraterritorial rights.

(g) Transactions in enemy property in China.

4. Records of the talks of Premier TOJO and President Wang in December 1942.

(a) Record of the talk on 21 Dec 1942.

Appendix (1) Message handed from Wang to TOJO in which WANG expresses that China would participate in the war.

(2) Outline of TOJO's talk to Wang, in which TOJO approves of WANG's statement that China will participate in war and suggests this be done after middle of January 1943.

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5. Documents concerning China's participation in the war and the ensuing retrocession of concessions and relinquishment of extraterritorial rights.

Most of these documents are instructions and reports exchanged between Foreign Minister TANI and Ambassador SHIGEMITSU to China.

Among these documents the following included:

Draft of the declaration of the Imperial Japanese Government concerning China's participation in the war.

Statement of Prime Minister TOJO concerning China's participation in the war in which TOJO expresses his respects to China and his resolution to continue prosecution of Pacific War by any and all means.

Draft of the joint declaration of Japan and China concerning cooperation for the prosecution of the war.

Draft of the agreement between Japan and China concerning the withdrawal of concessions and relinquishment of extraterritorial rights.

Draft of the extracts from the records of debates in which Japan assures China of positive cooperation in carrying on the war.

Explanatory document on the joint declaration of Japan and China concerning the cooperation for the prosecution of the war and the agreement between Japan and China concerning the withdrawal of concessions and relinquishment of extraterritorial rights.

III. Documents concerned with the negotiations with Germany, Italy and France from 31 Dec 1942 to 12 Feb 1943. The content of these documents is classified as follows:

1. To inform to the said three countries of China's participation in the war and the steps taken by Japan thereafter.

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2. To request Italy and France to follow Japan's example (relinquishing concessions, etc.)

IV. Documents concerned with Manchukuo, Mongolia and Thailand, from 2 Jan 1943 to 18 Mar 1943. In these documents Japan informed the said three countries of China's participation in the war and of Japan's steps. (Taken in connection therewith)

V. Documents concerning repercussions in foreign countries.

These documents may be classified as follows:

1. Reports from Japanese diplomats abroad on reactions to China's participation in the war in foreign countries.

2. "Source Documents on Reactions in Foreign Countries to China's Participation in the War", compiled by the Foreign Office and Greater East Asia office.

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