

EXHIBIT No. 3249

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ISSUE OF A LOAN AS A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR ANNUAL EXPENDITURES OF GENERAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1935 AND ONE OTHER BILL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AT THE 67TH SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL DIET. 21 FEBRUARY 1935.

Answer of Minister of State.  
Minister of State Hirota.

It is already more than a year and a half since I have assumed my duties. During that time I have dealt with many problems, but it is the truth that I have hardly touched the Chinese question. This is founded upon my outlook of the world. Viewing more particularly the actual relation between Japan and China, it would be highly undesirable that any action of Japan should be misconstrued as an attempt to fasten repressive measures on China or to aggravate the atmosphere prevailing since the Manchurian Incident. I have been trying first to make it known to all countries other than China that improvement in relations seems to await a favorable opportunity in Chinese internal affairs. Perhaps, if one of these days the Cabinet collapses, I shall not have had opportunity to deal with the Chinese question which I consider my life work. However, happily, I think the Chinese are beginning to understand to some extent the true motives of Japan. I think there are still Japanese in various fields who have some suspicions of Chinese moves, but for myself, I have not the slightest suspicion of Chiang Kai Shek's attitude. If in this I am wrong, then I think the root of Sino-Japanese amity, the very foundation of peace on the Far East which I hold dearest to my heart, will crumble. This conviction of mine is being conveyed through all available channels to various influential quarters in China. I am confident my past record and my future aspirations will bring strong sympathy among them. At any rate I am determined to do as much as I can at this time.

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certified at Tokyo,  
on this 18th day of March, 1947

KONDO, Hideaki (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

at the same place,  
on this same date

Witness:

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