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For His Excellency the Foreign Minister

Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu.

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Summary of the conversation between the Fuhrer and
Ambassador Oshima in the presence of the German
Foreign Minister - on September 4th., 1944.

- 1) In the beginning, the Fuhrer informed Ambassador Oshima about the background of the events of July 20th. He declared that only a small group of liberalistic officers was involved in the plot. This group will be entirely eliminated. The German army itself has frustrated the planned coup d'etat and is in charge of the purge. Consequently, the whole action will result in a considerable strengthening of the German fighting power.
- 2) The Fuhrer gave a survey of the military situation on all fronts.
 - a) The German Eastern front is on the whole stabilized. The loss of territory is compensated by a considerable improvement of our means of communications and supply.
 - b) On the Western front the German High Command took back the German forces after the break-through of Avranches, in order to form new centers of gravity and to prepare a new offensive. The conditions for

an effective success will soon be given. The formation of many excellent new divisions is quickly proceeding. The temporary loss of the Atlantic coast has not much importance for the new German submarines, as these submarines with their present radius can easily operate from other ports,

c) The German raw-material situation is safe, since Germany has sufficient reserves for two or three years.

3) Ambassador Oshima informed the Führer about the Japanese Government's suggestion concerning a separate peace between Germany and the Soviet Union. The Führer explained the German point of view as follows:

a) We have no indications that the Soviet Government is ready for an understanding with Germany. We believe that Stalin will try to come to an understanding with Germany only then, when he is convinced that he can not successfully continue the war or that, at least, his forces are not sufficient to defeat Germany.

b) If this should happen, a new political situation will be created.

c) The German Government fully appreciate the Japanese Government's suggestion. However, on account of the above-stated explanations, the German Government would be obliged, if the Japanese Government in this matter would refrain from all steps with the Soviet Government.

On the question of Ambassador Oshima, if the German war aims vis`a vis Soviet Russia have changed, the Führer replied, that Stalin did not ask for peace negotiations when the German troops were on the Don and that the same holds good for Germany under the present circumstances.