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EXHIBIT ## 3280-C

FROM : FOREIGN MINISTER HIROTA
TO : AMBASSADOR KAWAGOE (CHINA)
DISPATCHED: August 8, 1937

SUBJECT: OUTLINE OF THE PLAN FOR OVERALL ADJUSTMENT OF SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS

No. 172 CODE (STRICTLY SECRET. URGENT. TO BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS MESSAGE IN EXCLUSIVE CODE FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION)

1. Political Affairs.

(1) China is to recognize Manchoukuo, or else to make a tacit promise not to make an issue of Manchoukuo henceforth. (It is preferable, depending upon the attitude of China, to make this one of the conditions of the truce mentioned in my telegram No. 170.)

(2) Conclusion of an anti-communist pact between Japan and China. (The prevention of communism in the demilitarized area will be covered by this, but particularly rigid enforcement is required within this area.)

(3) Beside the liquidation of East Hopei and Hopei-Chahar as a condition of the truce, Japan is ready to discuss with the Nanking Government the subject of Inner Mongolia and Suiyuan, and in case they admit our just demands (mostly covered by (2) above), we will not insist on excluding the influence of Nanking from these areas.

(4) China is to suppress rigorously anti-Japanese movements and resistance to Japan throughout the country and enforce to the letter the "good neighbor policy." (Needless to say that control of anti-Japanese movements and resistance

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to Japan in the demilitarized area should be enforced with particular rigor.)

2. Military Affairs.

(1) Abrogation of the Shanghai Truce Agreement. (In case the Chinese wish this to be fully utilized for bargaining with regard to the whole negotiation.)

(2) Desistance from arbitrary aviation.

3. Economy Affairs.

(1) Reduction of tariff rates of certain commodities

(2) Abolishment of special trade of East Hopei, as a matter of course, and recovery by the Chinese of the freedom to control smuggling on the sea belonging to the demilitarized area.

(3) Promotion of the normal increase and development of economic contact and trade between both countries.

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on this 5th day of February, 1947.

/s/ K. Hayashi
Signature of Official

Witness: /s/ K. Urabe