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I, who occupy the post of Branch Chief
Acting President of POWs
Information Bureau hereby certify that the document
hereto attached, printed in Japanese consisting of 5
pages and entitled "The matters regarding the manners in
which London Times correspondent reports on our treatment of POWs" is an
excerpt ~~of the London Times correspondent reports on our treatment of POWs~~ is a document compiled
and issued by the Japanese Government (_____)
from documents in the custody of his Bureau office
certified at Tokyo,
on this 11th day of June, 1947

NAKANISHI Sadayoshi

(seal)

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

at the same place,
on the same date

Witness: _____

(seal)

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~~June 12nd, Showa 19 (1943)~~

12 June, 1943

To: ^{Chief} ~~the President~~ of POWs ~~Intelligence Office~~ Information Bureau

From: ~~the~~ Minister Suzuki, attending to the

Section of Residents in Hostile Powers, Foreign Office
Ministry

of the London Times
~~On the report of a correspondent as to our~~

~~treatment of POWs~~

The matters regarding the manners in which
the London Times correspondent reports on our treatment
of POWs.

Seals of:

~~Chief
President~~
Hamada

Odajima

Hoda

Yokoi

Takada

Nyotsumoto

Fujishiro

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Bureau
~~13th June, Showa 1943~~
No. 24

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~~On the Report of a correspondent~~
~~of the London Times as to our treatment of POWs.~~

For your information, I report that
~~notify you that,~~
according to the telegram sent by ~~our~~ ^{from our Domei} ~~Berlin~~ correspondent
at Berlin ^{London Times} ~~of the Domei~~, a ~~Melbourne~~ correspondent of the ~~at~~
^{Melbourne} ~~London Times~~ in his cablegram, dated May 24th,

informed the report of the Pope's envoy in our country
regarding our treatment of POWs as follows:

Reports which Bishop Banico, the nuncio, received
from the Pope's envoy who had often visited the internment
camps and prisoner's quarters in every part of Japan
are as follows:

The Japanese government has been observing of the international treaties ^{as} far as the general treatment of POWs interned in Japan proper ^{are} concerned.

POWs' complaints are due to the difference of mentality between POWs and the Japanese. POWs ^{have placed the same} ~~has been~~ on a level with the Japanese soldiers not only from the general point of view, but also from the special viewpoint of food and clothing.

In well-organized POWs' camps, soaps, razor-edges, tooth powder, and ^{cigarettes have} ~~cigaretts~~ ~~has~~ been distributed every month and other daily necessities can be bought at P&X.

~~Many~~ ^{Most} of the POWs are not ~~wanting~~ ^{wanting in} money.

Even in camps where order and compulsory labour are strictly enforced, time for amusement and sports has been ^{given} reserved.

Most ~~of the~~ money presented to POWs from the Pope has been used to buy play things and musical instruments.

In ^{some} a number of camps the living condition ^{is} ~~are~~ being improved through acquisition of local products. At some camps, vegetables and fruits are growing in some camps and in others near the sea-shore fishes are found available. ~~get fishes at the seashore.~~ ←

The strongest requirement of POWs is concerned with ^{the} informations of their family and reading. It is

~~It is~~ so difficult to ^{obtain} ~~get~~ foreign books in J.

but ~~however~~ the Pope's envoy ~~is~~ taking every possible

means and the Swedish minister to Japan ~~is~~ also

is making ^{his} special effort ~~for~~ literary books for them.
to obtain

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我方俘虜取扱に關する倫敦タイムズ特派員、
報道振に關する件

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本書が当局保管書目類の正確なる事なる事を証明する

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俘虏情報局長官 殿

我方俘虏取扱ニ関スル倫敦「タイムズ」特派員ノ

報導ヲ振ニ関スル件



俘虏情報局

在伯林同盟特派員ノ電報ニ依ルハ在「メルボルン」倫敦「タイムズ」紙
特派員ハ五月二十四日附電報ヲ以テ我方ノ俘虜取扱ニ関スル
在本邦四維馬法王廳使節ノ報告ヲ左記ノ通報單ニ居
レニ付御參考迄ニ御通知申進ス

記

法王廳使節「バニコ」大司教カ日本各地ノ抑留所及俘虜收
容所ヲ屢々訪問セル在本邦四維馬法王廳使節
受領セル報告

使節

法王廳使節



左ノ通

日本政府ハ日本本土ニ收容中ノ俘虜ノ一般の取扱ニ於テ

国際条約ヲ遵守シ居レリ。

俘虜ノ有スル苦情ノ原因ハ俘虜方ト日本人ノ間ニ於ケルメン

タリテ、相違ニ基クモ、ニシテ一般のニモ又特ニ食糧及

衣服ノ具ニ於テモ俘虜方ハ日本兵ト同一水準下ニ置

良ク組織セラレタル收容所ニ於テハ毎月石鹼、剃刀、及歯磨

証十七(一九九)

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昭和二十二年 八月 二十日 於東京

修善寺報局調査部長 横井孝治



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