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From Ambassador Satō to Foreign Minister Tōgō

(Strictly confidential, office-chief cipher)

(Urgent)

Dispatched from Moscow at 14:30, 19 July 1945
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reference to my telegram No. 1385.

In the evening of the 18th, I received a confidential letter from Lozovsky which runs as follows:

At Moscow
18 July 1945

His Excellency, Satō Naotake
Envoy Extraordinary and
Ambassador Plenipotentiary
of Japan

Excellency:

I have the honor to confirm hereby that I am in receipt of your letter under date of 13 July, and the message from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

I have the honor to call your attention, by order of the Government of the U.S.S.R., to the fact that the Imperial wish stated in the message of the Emperor of Japan is general in form and contains no concrete proposal. The mission of Special Envoy Prince Konoe is also uncertain to the Government of the U.S.S.R.

The Government of the U.S.S.R., accordingly, is unable to give any definite reply as to either the message of the Emperor of Japan or the dispatch of Special Envoy Prince Konoe mentioned in your letter under date of 13 July.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Excellency, to renew the expression of my highest consideration.

S. A. Lozovsky

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the Defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

H. Nishi

Tokyo
3 May 1947

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