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Telephone conversation with Ribbentrop; he is still sure of Japanese support of the Tripartite Pact, but claims that it will take several weeks to reach an agreement.

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April 27, 1939

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Nothing new except conversation with the Japanese Ambassador, who says that the last word regarding Japan's official decisions on the Tripartite Pact has not yet been said. It is necessary, however, to know it before 6 May, and I speak to that effect.

April 28, 1939

C

I receive news from Japan: it seems now that they are deciding to sign the alliance. I tell Shiratori that in any case they must hasten and tell us Yes or No; within a few days I shall meet Ribbentrop and we must make our decision, especially as diplomatic activity among the democracies has become very intense during these last days and as the Anglo-Soviet alliance seems now a concrete and completed fact. The Duce returns to Rome.

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D May 5, 1939

Many conversations, but none of particular interest except the one with the Japanese Ambassador. The final formula for the Tripartite Pact has been sent to Arita in Tokyo. Very weak. Ribbentrop too is dissatisfied with it. But the Ambassador warns me that now it is difficult to push matters further and that we are close to the breaking point.

E May 6 and 7, 1939

The alliance, or rather the immediate announcement of the alliance, was decided Saturday evening right after dinner at the Continental, following a telephone call from the Duce. After the talk, I reported to Mussolini the results, satisfying from our point of view. He, as always when he has achieved something, demands more, and asked me to have the Bilateral Pact announced, which he has always preferred to the Triangular Alliance. Ribbentrop, who, at the bottom of his heart, has always aimed at the inclusion of Japan in the Pact, at first demurred but then ended by giving in with the reservation that he must obtain Hitler's approval and personally helped with the editing of the communique. When I informed the Duce on Sunday morning he displayed particular satisfaction.

F May 14, 1939

Ribbentrop is making a last attempt to add a tripartite pact with Japan to the signature of the alliance. I do not object although I am fundamentally skeptical of the possibility and also of the usefulness of the thing.

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でかられていてと電話で話した。彼はやはり日本の三國協支が人を すったには数週間を要すったりつと述べた。

一九五九年一四月二十七日

高 発表されて 日本大使との會見のほ 九三九五 とい必要である 日本の公式決定に関する最後の言葉は今日見のほか他に針うし、事はない同大使日く三国 り今は此のと日を彼に申し入れた。 であると、たい五月六日以前にそれも知る

Rep Koc# 1413 否の決定をえかな りつつンコファに角って我かり側の決定をしなければならないって 小今以上,本以及大事一一 ればならない。と云小樓は今は秋日中 やうた。今は白島にとうしても日本は読 に接した。それに據ると日本は同盟俗的 民主國側の外交工作以大妻三到一人员

あるからであると用を生けた。

一九三九年五月五日

年日数声出した 田に博生工 ことが順事簿ろりつひつつかられてた。三國临生の最後の保文中本京のたが日本大使との會談の外には何事特別に 我自被終矣に接近してかるのたと 使する下でところでは星れ以上事を追め

九二九二十五月六日一七日

らっ電話で 月 盟 年约 コンティンタルにかける事會の直後、土曜日の晩と 管禁後年は我での観点よりては一大は一大人の観点よりている 三国月里谷かよりもをあるとうと 同題体的の即刻の発表はドウーケエか

協定に包括することをもだしてるためたからなとうととさせるからにと要請した。リフィンツロラアは 先指生れたのであるい彼は即到之后承認な 笛伴ったに譲歩してしまったったある。そして 銭な唱へたってあるが後には近にヒトラーへ に自ら脚力したってある。

力を就みたってある。全は方の事柄の可能性 此体的の署名に日本との三國協定もも加公 年が上かりたい一報告したときに彼は格割り 根本的一處疑的であるけれども敢之之