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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Written by SAITO, Yoshie, diplomatic Advisor to the Foreign Ministry, this document is an explanation of the American-Japanese negotiations, with particular emphasis on the reasons for the draft being non-acceptable to Japan.

Among the reasons SAITO gives for not accepting the American draft of 24 June are:

1. It is harmful to the disposing of the CHINA Incident because America, (1) expects the return of MANCHUKUO to CHINA, (2) Refuses to recognize Japan's stationing of troops in CHINA, (3) makes economic collaboration between Japan and CHINA "impossible", (4) assumes the position of supervisor in relations between Japan and CHINA.

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2. It is aimed at "severing" Japan from the Axis powers.
3. The proposal does not improve commercial relations between Japan and America.
4. The basic point in the American proposal is to obstruct Japan's economic development of Greater East Asia.
5. Japanese immigration question is excluded from the proposal.
6. Equal citizenship rights are not guaranteed Japanese subjects in the proposal regarding Philippine independence.
7. The oral statement of the Secretary of State /Hull/ that Japan should re-organize her cabinet, is a "grave insult."

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analysis, giving
very spirit of it.

and a few main objections.

Outline of Explanation given

at the Liaison conference between
the government and the Supreme
Command on 10 July, regarding
Japan-America Agreement Draft.

By SAITO Yoshie
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to the Foreign Ministry

The American draft (received on 24
June) can never be accepted unless
we give up the disposition of the
China Incident and the construction
of greater East Asia and throw
away the bond of the Tripartite
alliance. The reasons are as

follows:

- ① The American proposal is not only
useless but also harmful in
disposing of the China Incident,
(1) Because they want Japan to begin

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negotiations with the Chiang Kai-shek regime all over again from the beginning.

(2) The American proposal expects the return of Manchukuo to China.

(3) The American proposal does not recognize the stationing of our troops in China for the sake of public peace, and demands unconditional withdrawal.

(4) The American proposal does not recognize our stationing of troops in North China and Mongolia in defence against Communism.

(5) The American proposal makes economic collaboration between Japan and China practically impossible.

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(I) The American proposal enumerates terms of peace between Japan and China, thus trying to restrict our attitude toward ^{CHINA} and ^{the proposal} assumes the position of a supervisor.

(II) The American proposal regarding "the attitude of Japan and America toward the European War." is aimed at severing our country from the axis powers.

(III) The American proposal regarding "the commercial relationship between Japan and America" does not improve the said relationship at all.

(IV) The American proposal regarding "the economic activities in the Pacific Area of Japan and America"

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has little value but great harm
in establishing new order in
Greater East Asia, since the
basic point in the American
proposal is to obstruct our
economic development in
Greater East Asia.

- (V) The American proposal excludes
the question of Japanese immigration
to the U. S.
- (VI) The American proposal regarding
the independence of the Philippines
does not guarantee the equal^{citizenship status}
~~to~~ of Japanese subjects in the
Philippines.
- (VII) The Secretary of State's oral statement
is an extremely insolent^{and} reprehensible
document. It is a grave insult
on us that he should demand ~~not~~
~~cabinet~~ re-organization of our cabinet.