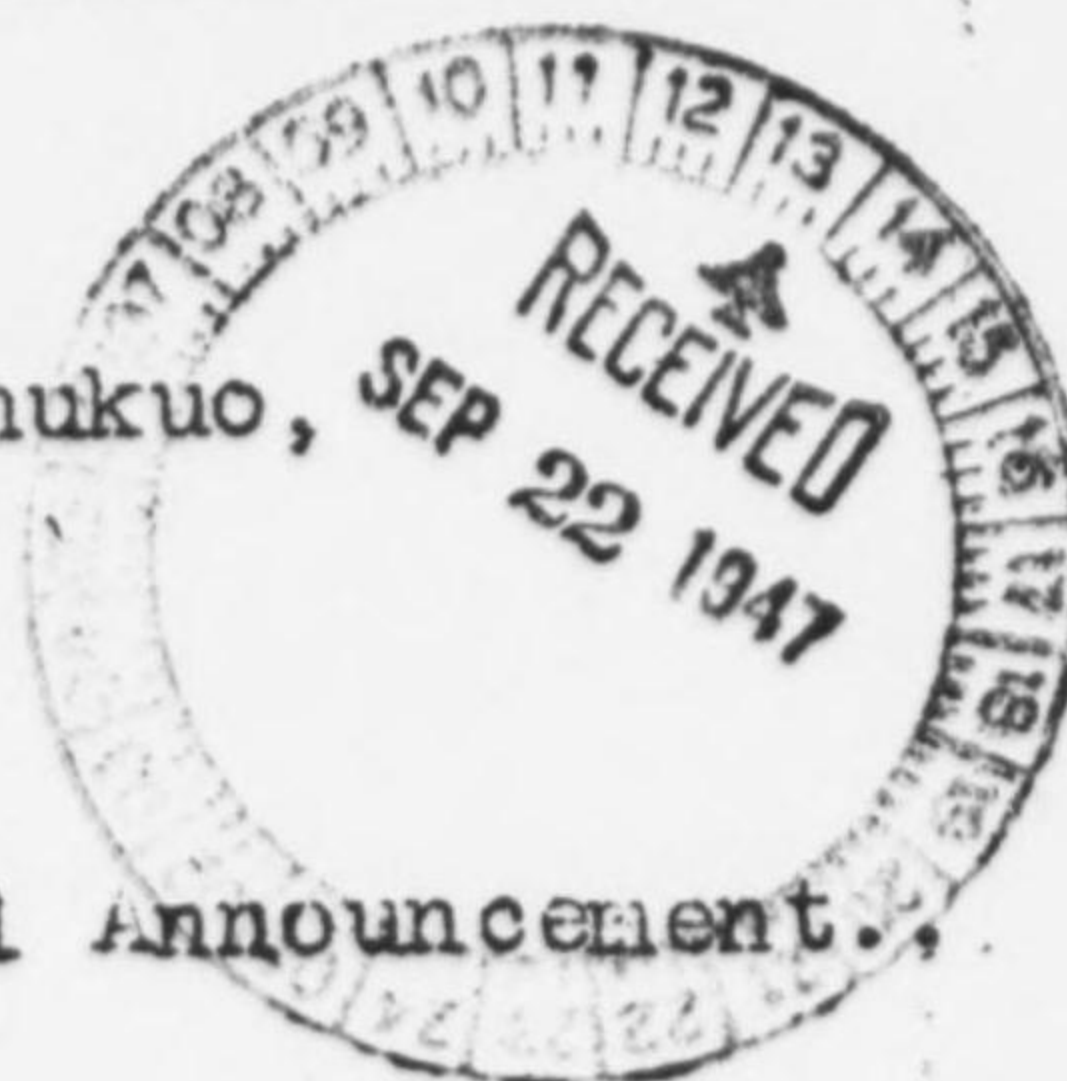


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SENT: April 26, 1934  
TO: Embassies in Britain, U.S., China, Manchukuo,  
Peiping; Consulate-General at Nanking.  
FROM: FOREIGN MINISTER HIROTA.  
SUBJECT: Concerning the question of the Unofficial Announcement.



No. 466 Circular (Simplified Code)

Separate Telegram

Japan has not infringed upon China's independence or interests, nor has she the slightest intention to do so. In fact, she sincerely desires the preservation of territorial integrity of China and her unification and prosperity. These ends should, fundamentally speaking, be attained by China herself through her self-awakening and voluntary efforts.

Japan has no intention to trespass upon the rights of other Powers in China. Their bona-fide financial and commercial activities will redound to the benefit of China which is quite welcome to Japan. She, of course, subscribes to the Principles of the Open Door and Equal Opportunity in China. She is observing scrupulously all existing treaties and agreements concerning that country.

However, Japan cannot remain indifferent to anyone's taking action under any pretext, which is prejudicial to the maintenance of law and order in East Asia for which she, if only in view of her geographic position, has the most vital concern. Consequently, she cannot afford to have questions of China exploited by any third party for the execution of a selfish policy which does not take into consideration the above circumstances.

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Certified at Tokyo,  
on this 17th day of January, 1947.

(signed) K. Hayashi  
Signature of Official

Witness: (signed) Nagaharu, Odo