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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMEN TARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATDACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: War Ministry Telegram No. 235, from Vice Minister of War TOJO and from Vice Minister of Navy Yamamoto to Oshima

Date: 29 August 1938 Original () Copy (x) Language: Japanese
Has it been translated? Yes (x) No ()

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

No original (Exh No. 3514)

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Saionji Diary (Vol XX, pp 2553 - 2555)

PERSONS IMPLICATED: ITMGAKI, Seishire (Army Minister); OSHIMA, Hiroshi; Major General KASAHARA; TOJO, Hideki

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Tripartite Pact; Anti-Comintern Pact
SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Contents of this telegram pertain to the interpretation of the decisions made at the Five Ministers' Conference on the proposed treaty for a Tripartite Alliance. The telegram lists conditions whereby the Army and the Navy would agree to the treaty plan brought by Major General Kasahara.

Reference is made to the Japanese desire to have Germany "take steps to submit this plan formally soon".

(For analysis of accompanying telegram, War Ministry Telegram No. 236.

The fellowing telegram is War Ministry Telegram No. 235:

- 1. Both the Army and Navy are in agreement with the purport of the treaty plan which was brought by Maj. Gen. KASAHARAL. The epinion to adopt this concurred upon the fellowing conditions:
- a. Add the fellowing essentials as the preamble. (Plan for preamble emitted).
- b. Change 'diplematically' of Article 2 to 'economic'.
- c. Change the end of Article 3 from: 'there is an obligation to perform' to 'will enter into a conference immediately.'
- d. The phrases, 'menace and attack', of Articles 2 and 3 will be designated as: 'unless preveked'.
- e. It is our opinion that we would like to prescribe clearly and in detail, the methods of execution and limit of the sphere of the conditions of military aid to be given in accordance with the secret treaty to be attached to the main treaty.
- 2. Since we desire to conclude this treaty as premptly as possible, we wish Germany would take steps to submit this plan formally seen.

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