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British Prisoners of War and Internees.
Minister delegated: Parliamentary Vice Minister, Councillor,
Secretary.
Vice Minister delegated: Senior Adjutant: KAWAHARA, Chief of
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Draft of the Reply of the Vice Minister of War to the Vice
Minister of Foreign Affairs.
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As regards the subject of your inquiry in "JO"-3, Secret No. 692. Since it is
the Imperial policy not to permit visits by agents of the Protecting Power of enemy
countries to prisoners of war and to internees in occupied areas, and the adjoining
operational areas, reply should be made accordingly to the Swiss Minister."

"JO" /TN: Treaty Bureau/ III /TN: Section No./ Secret, No. 692 -
26 June 1942

From the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Vice Minister of
War.
Re: The Visit of the Swiss representative to the Camps of British
Prisoners of War and Internees.

The Swiss Minister in Tokyo has recently informed me, in
compliance with the request of the British Government, that he is
desirous of visiting the camps, in the areas occupied by the
Imperial Army, of the prisoners of war and internees of Great
Britain, the British Dominions, India and other British colonies.
Kindly indicate the views of your Ministry in connection with the
foregoing.

Moreover, I have forwarded the request of the U.S. Government
which is of the same import, in my telegram No. 620, dated June 12.
I trust that you will take both of these matters under advisement.