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氏名

重光 葵

国名

日本

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「ジョセフ、エー、ガル」(JCG-70、九四六)二三、

件名 重光氏ノ駐蘇大使任命)

最近前外務次官重光葵ノ駐蘇大使任命ニ関シ重光氏が  
 有田氏ノ後任トシテ駐華大使トシテ派遣セラレナカソク理由ヲ説  
 明スル或ル興味アル事實カ最近余ノ注意ヲ惹クニ至ソク。數個  
 前重光氏ハ同任地ヘ行クモトシテ大イニ嗜シ上ツテ居リ、廣田  
 有田両氏共右任命ヲ希望シテ居ルモト了解セラレテ居タ。軍  
 實ハ次ノ通りノヤウナル。重光氏ハ過去ニ於テ陸軍ノ信用ヲ  
 受ケテハ居タガ軍部ハ夫レニモ拘ラズ在北平日本公使館カ大使  
 館ニ昇格シタノハ重光氏ノ努力カニ依ルモノナルトシ重光氏ヲ  
 シ大ニ怒ワテ居タノデアリ。重光氏ハ滿洲事變及上海事件ノ

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間駐華公使トシテ官中席次が上位デハ陸海軍將官ニ断テ  
 指圖サレ、ヤソワケラレテ来タリテ大イニ困ツタリ。将来日本ノ外交  
 代表ノ優越的地位ヲ確保シヤウト思フテ居タ。公使館ヲ大使館  
 ニ昇格スル案が閣議ニ上ツタ時、當時ノ陸軍大臣林大將ハ其  
 ノ裏面ノ意味ニ案が付カス黙ソテ同意ヲ通過サセタモノヤウデ  
 アル。コノ情報が参謀本部ニ達シテ始テ陸軍ノ憤懣ハ湧キ  
 オコソクガ手遅ヒテ効果ガナカワ。軍部が中国ニ於ケル権力  
 が陸軍カラ外務省ニ移ルトヲ欲シテカワタノハ明カデアワタ。重光  
 氏ハ此ノ動キノ責任者デアル事ヲ知ソテ軍部ノ怒心ハ向ケラレ、  
 駐華大使トシテ氏ノ名が出タ時軍部ハ絶対ニ之ヲ通サナカワ。然  
 然ハ軍部ハ懲ヲ打ツタテ、實ハ何時マデモ氏ニ及テスル理由モ  
 ナク、今迄ニ判ソク所デハ、重光氏ハ最近駐蘇大使ニ任命  
 セラレタ時ハ及テシナカワ。殊ニ有田氏ハ一般ニ最モ強ク最モ意  
 志ノ固イ人員ノ一人ト視ラレテ居タカラデモアル。又廣田氏ハ以前  
 ニ駐蘇大使ノ地位ヲ現外務省改置局長東郷氏ニ約束シテ居タ

モノラシク、氏ハ重光氏ノ任命ヲ聞イタ時大ニ失望落膽シタ。  
 ソコ彼ヲナシタル為メ在「ワルソウ」日本公使館ヲ大使館ニ昇格シ  
 彼ニ同地駐劄大使ノ地位ヲ與ヘルコトニテラウト思ハレテ居ル。ニカシ  
 此計畫ハ未だ確認サレテ居テイ。何レニテモ東郷氏ハ大ニ官僚  
 テ、大ニ力モ創意カモナイト思ハレテ居ルハ重光氏ハ之ニ及レ右何  
 レモノ性質ヲ多分ニ備ヘテ居ル。

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右證據トシテ國務長官タル余「ジョージ・シ、マーシャル」  
「ハ、一九四七年一月二十三日」ワシントン「市」國務省證  
明官代理ヲシテ同省ノ官印ヲ押捺シ余ノ姓名ヲ記入セシ  
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國務長官      ジョージ・シ、マーシャル（署名）  
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In testimony whereof, I, GEORGE C. MARSHALL,

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George C. Marshall  
Secretary of State.

By B.E. Cash  
Acting Authentication Officer,  
Department of State.

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SHIGEMITSU, Mamoru  
(Name)

JAPAN  
(Country)

(FSD #2006 of 8-27-36 from American Embassy in Tokyo to the Secretary of State, Washington; Joseph C. Grew/JCG - 701.9461/23 - Subject: Appointment of Mr. Shigemitsu as Ambassador to U.S.S.R.)

With regard to the recent appointment of Mamoru Shigemitsu, formerly Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador to the U.S.S.R., certain interesting facts have recently come to my attention to explain the reason why Mr. Shigemitsu was not sent as Ambassador to China to succeed Mr. Arita. A few months ago Mr. Shigemitsu had been prominently mentioned for that post and it was understood that both Mr. Hirota and Mr. Arita desired the appointment. The facts appear to be as follows. Although Mr. Shigemitsu had enjoyed the confidence of the army in times past, the military were nevertheless very angry because it was through the efforts of Mr. Shigemitsu that the Japanese Legation in Peiping was raised to an Embassy. Mr. Shigemitsu had been much embarrassed during the Manchurian and Shanghai incidents because, as Minister to China, he was constantly being dictated to and overruled by generals and admirals of superior court rank and he wished to insure in future the predominating position of the Japanese diplomatic representative. It appears that when the proposal to raise the legation to an embassy came up in Cabinet, the then Minister of War, General Hayashi, failed to see its implication and tacitly let the decision pass. It was only when the information came to the General Staff that military anger was stirred up, too late to be effective. It was obvious that the military did not desire to have their authority in China pass from the army to the Foreign Office. Knowing that Mr. Shigemitsu had been responsible for the move, military anger was directed against him and when his nomination as Ambassador to China came up, they absolutely refused to let it ~~it~~ pass. Having had their revenge however, they apparently saw no reason to continue the grudge and so far as it is known, they made no objection when Mr. Shigemitsu was recently appointed Ambassador to Moscow, especially as Mr. Arita is generally regarded as one of the strongest and most determined members of the Cabinet. It also appears that Mr. Hirota had previously promised the Moscow post to Mr. Togo, now Director of the Bureau of European and Asiatic Affairs of the Foreign Office, who was much dismayed and disappointed when he heard of Mr. Shigemitsu's appointment. It is understood that in order to placate him the Japanese legation in Warsaw may be raised to an embassy so that he may be given the rank of ambassador at that post. This plan however is not yet confirmed. In any case, Mr. Togo is regarded as very much of a bureaucrat and without much force ~~from~~ or initiative, but Mr. Shigemitsu, on the contrary, has plenty of both qualities.