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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

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Parent binder, including miscellaneous dispatches and reports, Aug-Nov 1938.

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Section 1. (Translation Attached) Outline of Management of Administrative Affairs Ensuing from Military Operations in South China. Outline of Management of Administrative Affairs in the Hankow Area. Decided by the War, Naval and Foreign Ministers. 23 Oct 1938. The main object is to maintain South China as an area of military operations. Administrative guidance should be limited within the scope

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necessary to preserve peace and ensure successful military operations. Other administrative affairs are left to the Chinese Gov't as much as possible, so that the Japanese Army will not have to shoulder the task of military government. A "Peace Maintenance Association" will be established. The establishment of local regions will be accelerated by a "Special Committee to cope with Chinese Problems", which will cooperate with the "Canton Liaison Conference of the Army, Navy and Foreign Ministers". This last will guide local regimes after their organizations. Economic policy will be to support the Japanese army in the field for the present, and to promote future foreign trade and recovery of South China itself. We must win over Chinese residents abroad in order to help our plan for South China and gain materials we need by trade with the Southern regions. In respect to third-power interests: Diplomatic and economic complications will be avoided; we will try not to give third powers an excuse to interfere in the incident. England's existing interests will be recognized. Appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that England discard her policy of aiding the Chiang Kai Shek Gov't and accept the administrative policy of Japan. Chinese economic constructions will be financed by Japanese capital. The management of local administrative affairs in occupied areas of South China will be considered, decided and enforced by Army, Navy and Foreign Ministers at the Canton Liaison Conference.

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Section 2. (Translation Attached) Telegrams:

From Consul General In Hongkong NAKAMURATO to ARITA, 3 Nov 1938. (No. 1473): Request that liaison conference for Hongkong be established in the same manner as the one at Canton.

From Foreign Vice-Minister SAWADA to Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs HAGIMARA, 7 Nov 1938. (No. 480) Paper outlined in Section 1 above is sent to HAGIMARA.

Same paper sent to Finance Vice-Minister ISHIWATA from SAWADA.

Sent to Consul General HORI in Nanking, Consul General UCHIDA in Amoy, Acting Consul General OGURO in Hankow from ARITA.

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Another telegram from NAKAMURA to ARITA, 3 Nov 1938, re importance of forming some governing organ for Hongkong. NAKAMURA requests the Army and Navy be consulted.

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Section 3. (Translation Attached) Re establishment of Liaison Committee of Five Ministers Conference 7. Oct 1938.

This liaison committee is organized to screen and select topics for discussion at Five Minister Conferences, and to fill in the concrete essentials to plans and policies made by the Five Minister Conference. The Liaison Committee is formed of representatives of the Foreign, Finance, Army and Navy ministries and of bureaus within these ministries.

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Section 4. (Translation Attached) Principles for the adjustment of Sino-Japanese Relations, decided at the Five Ministers Conference of 25 Nov 1938. Japan, China and Manchuria should unite in good fellowship to establish an Asiatic Axis for peace. Unity should be based on friendship, joint-defense against communism and economic cooperation. An area should be established in North China and Mongolia where Japan can exploit natural resources. A special region should be established in the MONGOLIA region for the purpose of anti-communism in Inner Mongolia. On the lower part of the YANGTZE River there should be established a strongly united area for economic purposes. Inner Mongolia shall be a strong autonomic area. Japan will help the establishment of these areas by despatching special advisors. In order to root out communistic elements, Japan will garrison the necessary forces in North China and Mongolia, and all Chinese forces will be under Japanese command. Excepting the forces mentioned above and Jap forces in the Nanking-Shanghai-Kowchow triangle all Jap forces will be withdrawn. China is to bear a share of maintenance of Jap garrisons. Japan retains the right to supervise and commandeer railways, air routes and all communications in areas where Japanese forces are stationed. China will limit her soldiers and police (in Jap garrisoned areas) to the minimum number necessary for peace maintenance. The three nations will make treaties re economic exploitation of Inner Mongolia, North China and other areas. Special attention will be paid to resources not found in Japan or Manchuria.

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Section 5. (Translation attached) Emergency Financial Policy for Middle China, decided at the Five Ministers Conference, 5 July 1938. Since it is essential to adjust relations with third countries in order that they stop aiding CHIANG, Japan is prepared to remove restrictions on trade and financial activities of foreign firms and banks in the occupied areas of Central China. We should get the cooperation of third countries, especially England, aiming at the acceleration of trade in Central China. We should issue new currency in anticipation of the collapse of the present currency. Under certain circumstances it may be well to solicit German and Italian aid also. Japan must have financial leadership in Central China. As well as attracting Chinese financial circles, we must aim at undermining the CHUNGKING government. These negotiations must be kept secret.

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Section 6. (Translation attached) Temporary Diplomatic Policy toward Britain, decided at the Five Minister Conference on 8 July 1938: We must cause Britain to stop aiding CHIANG by impressing her with the justness of our cause.

Creation of a Special Committee for China, decided at Five Minister Conference, 26 July 1938. This committee will be an organ of the Five Ministers Conference, and will enforce policies of that conference and help establish the new Chinese Central Government. Organs on the spot in China will receive orders from the Special Committee for China. Liaison will be maintained between the committee and the Imperial Headquarters by the War and Navy Minister. The committee will be headed by DOIHARA, TSUDA and BANZAI.

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Section 7. (Translation attached) Adjustment of Sino-Japanese relations, decided at Five Minister Conference, 25 Nov 1938. The main purpose in settling the present incident is the establishment of a new order in East Asia based on military victories. We must guard against a third country checking our activities. HAINAN Island will be cap-

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tured if strategically necessary. Foreign Minister said: Economic cooperation between Japan, China and Manchuria would limit profits of outsiders in China. Therefore economic cooperation between the three countries should be played down somewhat in order to prevent complications of international relations and to aid Japanese interests in a wide sense.

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Section 8. (Translation Attached) Telegram dispatched 29 Oct 1938 from KONOE to Consuls HORIUCHI and HIDAKA in PEKING and SHANGHAI respectively. Code No. 3244. Re Management of political affairs in the HANKOW Area.

Summary: "For the time being, we aim chiefly at establishing the Public Order Maintenance Association, and following stabilization of the situation, an anti-comintern local government will be established. The area of this government will be KIANGSI, HUNAN and HUPEH." This is to be carried out by the Special Committee for China supported by the HANKOW liaison Conference of the Army, Navy and Foreign Ministers. We will not start new enterprises backed by our capital.

Telegram dispatched 29 Oct 1938, from KONOE to the above two consuls and NAKAMURA in HONGKONG. Code No. 3243. Re Management of political affairs following the South China operation.

Summary: "South China will be considered an area of military operations." Political affairs to be managed by Chinese. We will limit our guidance to the extent of developing the Public Order Maintenance Association. Use of Japanese capital will be limited to cases where it will aid in development of trade in connection with our plans re Chinese traders (KAKYO) in the Southern Areas.

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Section 9. (Translation Attached) The Establishment of a Federal Committee. Decided at Five Minister Conference. 9 Sep 1938. The Federal Committee will be set up in PEIPING. The F. C. will have jurisdiction over political affairs common to the Provisional Government and the Restoration Govt

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and is to facilitate the establishment of a new Central Govt. The Provisional and Restoration govts will send representatives to the F. C., and the MONGOLIA-SINKIANG Committee may do likewise. (More here on organization of the F. C.) The F. C. will be guided by North China Administrative Control Organ.

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Concerning the Establishment
of the Liaison Committee of
the Five Ministers' Conference

7. Oct. Shōwa 13 (1938)

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"An affair concerning the Establishment

of the Liaison Committee of ^{the} Five Ministers'

Conference (draft)
(Plan)

5 Oct. 1938 (13th year)
Shun

I. The object of establishment.

~~We establish~~ "The Liaison Committee

of Five Ministers' Conference" (Temporary name) is

~~being established~~

In order to study or investigate the

plans which ~~should~~ ^{are to} be presented to

Five Ministers' Conference ^{in order} and ^{to} promote

the execution of plans ~~which are to~~

be decided ^(upon at the) by Five Ministers' Conference.

II. ~~The~~ Organization

This is a secret Committee attached to the Five Ministers' Conference and its organization is as follows:

~~A~~ Chairman / chief of members ↑

The Chief Secretary of the Cabinet

Members of the Committee

① ~~A~~ ^{The} Chief of ~~the~~ ~~East-Asia~~ ^{Bureau}

attached to the Foreign Ministry.

② ~~A~~ ^{The} Chief of ^{the} Financial Bureau

attached to the Finance Ministry.

③ The Chief of the ¹³ ~~Bureau of Military~~ Military Affairs

~~Bureau Affairs~~ of the War Ministry

④ The Chief of the ~~Bureau of Naval~~ Naval Affairs

~~Bureau Affairs~~ of the ~~Naval Office~~ Navy Ministry

⑤ The Chief of the 1st Section of the

~~Office~~ ^{Bureau} of East Asia attached to the

Foreign Ministry

⑥ The Chief of the ~~Section of~~ Foreign

~~Affairs~~ ^{Section} attached to the Finance Ministry

⑦ The vice-Chief of the ^{Section} ~~Bureau of~~

Military Affairs of the War ~~Office~~ ^{Ministry}

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⑧ The vice-Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs of the Navy Ministry

~~Managers~~
Executives

⑨ The Chief of the 1st Section of the East-Asia ~~Section~~ attached to the Bureau

Foreign Ministry

⑩ The Chief of the Section of Foreign Affairs Affairs attached to the Finance Ministry

⑪ The vice-Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs of the War Office Ministry

⑫ The vice-Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs of the Navy Ministry

① ~~The~~ Secretary of ^{the} Prime Minister.

III. The Functions

1. This Committee manages business based on the object of ^{its} establishment

(Notice: ~~Item~~) ^{as} stated in the ^{1st} ~~1st~~ paragraph ^{above}.

For this purpose, any subject

2 ~~A subject of presentation to the~~

~~Five Ministers' Conference which should~~

~~be~~ decided ^{upon} by this Committee is to be

presented to ^{the} Five Ministers' Conference

by ^{the} chief of this Committee ^{Chairman} through

the President of ^{the} Five Ministers' Conference.

B In regard to expediting
~~concerning the promotion of~~ the

execution of plans which are to be
decided ^{upon} by Five Ministers' Conference,

this Committee should decide on the
concrete essentials
~~definite point~~ of execution and

should ~~send~~ ^{pass on} orders to the departments
concerned.
~~interested Offices.~~

4 the various ~~which~~ ^{handled by} the 3rd Committee

has in charge, ^{Those} ~~the ones~~ ^{require to} which ~~should~~ be

presented to the Five Ministers Conference
^{liaison} ~~The~~ Committee ^{after} ~~for~~

should go through the 3rd Committee has
dealt with them
and this Committee.

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[Liaison]

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v. This Committee should be abolished

when the Bureau of Chinese Affairs

(TAISHIIN) ^{is} ~~will be~~ established.

" An affair concerning the Establishment
of the Liaison Committee of ^{the} Five Ministers'
Conference." 5 Oct. 1938. (13th year) ^(Shan)

~~We promptly establish~~ The Liaison
Committee of Five Ministers' Conference

(Temporary name) which temporarily
consists of officers of the interested
[is hereby established without delay]
offices in order to promote the

execution of ^{the} plans, ~~which are to be~~

^{upon} decided by Five Ministers' Conference,

concerning the settlement of the

China Incident, ^{in order} ~~and~~ to study or
 investigate the plans ^{to} ~~which should~~
 be discussed at Five Ministers'
 Conference, ^{as} ~~if~~ occasion calls.

(Notice) ~~with some corrections~~
 Only this document will be
 presented to the Five Ministers'
 Conference ^{to be held} tomorrow, ~~and others~~ ^{as the other documents require} ~~will~~
~~be studied~~ ^{further} study.

" An affair concerning the Establishment
of the Liaison Committee of ^{the} Five Ministers'
Conference " 6 Oct. 1938. (13th year ^{shown})

We promptly establish 'The Liaison
Committee of Five Ministers' Conference'
(temporary name) which temporarily
consists of officers of the interested
Offices in order to promote the
execution of ^{the} plans ~~which are to be~~
decided ^{upon} by Five Ministers' Conference
^{concerning} ~~as to~~ the settlement of the situation

~~concerning~~ ⁱⁿ China and ^{in order to} to study or
 investigate the plans ^{to} which should be
 discussed at Five Ministers'
 Conference ^{as} ~~if~~ occasion calls.

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"An affair concerning the Establishment
^{the} Liaison Committee of Five Ministers'
Conference" 7 Oct. 1938 (13th year of Showa)

I. The object of establishment

We establish 'The Liaison Committee
of Five Ministers' Conference' (temporary
name) in order to promote the
execution of plans which are to be
decided ^{upon} by ^{the} Five Ministers' Conference
as to the settlement of the situation
ⁱⁿ concerning China and to study or

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are to

investigate the plans which ~~should~~
be discussed at ^{the} Five Ministers'
Conference, ~~on~~ occasion calls.

II. The Organization.

This is a secret committee attached
to the Five Ministers' Conference and
its organization is as follows:

Members of the Committee

- ① ^{The} Chief of ^{The Bureau} East-Asia Section Bureau
attached to ^{the} Foreign Ministry.
- ② ^{The} Chief of ^{The} Financial Bureau
attached to ^{the} Finance Ministry.

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- ③ The Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry.
- ④ The Chief of the Naval Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry.
- ⑤ The Chief of the 1st Section of the East Asia Bureau of the Foreign Ministry.
- ⑥ The Chief of the 1st Section of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the Finance Ministry.
- ⑦ The Chief of the Military Affairs Section of the War Ministry.
- ⑧ The Chief of the 1st Naval Affairs Section of the Navy Ministry.

Executives

- ① The Chief of the 1st Section of the East Asia Bureau of the Foreign Ministry.
- ② The Chief of the Foreign Affairs Section of the Finance Ministry.
- ③ The Chief of the Military Affairs Section of the War Ministry.

(14) The ~~vice~~ Chief of the ^{1st} Section of the Bureau of the Naval Affairs of the Naval Office.

III. The Functions

I. This Committee manages business based on the object of ^{its} establishment.

(Notice: ~~Item 3~~) as stated in the ^{1st} ~~item~~ ^{paragraph} above.

II Concerning the promotion of the execution of plans which are to be decided ^{upon} by the 'Five Ministers' Conference,

this Committee should decide ~~definitely~~ ^{on the concrete essentials} point of execution

and should ^{issue} send orders to the

interested ~~Offices~~ departments.

3 ~~A subject~~ ^{Subjects} for discussion ^{by the} Five Ministers' Conference, ^{having been} which should be decided by This Committee, ^{should then} ~~to be~~ presented to ~~Five Ministers' Conference~~ ^{it.}

through the President of the Five Ministers' Conference.

4 ~~Of the~~ ^{handled by} matters ~~which~~ the 3rd Committee, has in charge, ~~to~~ ^{those} which ~~should~~ ^{are to}

be presented to the Five Ministers' Conference should go through ~~the~~ ^{liaison} This Committee.

after the 3rd Committee ~~and this~~ ^{dealt with} has ~~handled~~ them.

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[Liaison]

5 This Committee should be abolished

when the Bureau of Chinese Affairs

(TAISHIIN) ^{is} will be established.