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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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Title and Nature: Bound File on "Economic Negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies (Petroleum)"

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PERSONS IMPLICATED: MATSUOKA, Yosuke; YOSHIZAWA, Kenkichi; FUJIWARA, Ginjire;  
KOBAYASHI, Iehizo

CRIMES OR PHASE TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Relations with N.E.I.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

File contains messages and memorandums on negotiations conducted with the N.E.I. for oil, by various emissaries; other items involved not covered in this file. Following are summaries of a few from the more than 150 telegrams included:

- (pp 1-5)
- a. Matter concerning Oil Resources in NEI dated 3 July 1940.
  - b. Intended to be sent from Minister of Commerce and Industry, FUJIWARA, Ginjire.
  - c. Intended to be addressed to Premier YONAI, Mitsumasa
  - d. Summary: This is a draft, probably prepared by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry concerning the above subject, for submission to the cabinet for discussion. The first portion is in a form of a letter stating the reasons why Japan has to obtain oil resources from NEI and further asks for the cabinet approval to the plan of despatching a negotiated party to NEI for acquisition of oil. Pp 2-5 cover the general outline of the said project.

(pp 28-30) a. Telegram: Dated 3 Sept 1940 (No. 396)  
b. Sent from: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
c. To: Consul-General at BATAVIA, SATO  
Summary: This is instructions to be handed to one of the Japanese delegates, MUKAI on matters pertaining to buying of oil.

(pp 31-32) a. Telegram: Dated 5 Sept 1940 (No. 814)  
b. Sent from: Consul-General at BATAVIA, SATO  
c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
d. Summary: This is a telegram from MUKAI to Chief of the Fuel Bureau concerning matters concerning buying of oil. He said that he met the Chief of the Mining Bureau and obtained permission to investigate mining districts, and was promised that various facilities would be afforded him.

(pp 38-40) a. Telegram: Dated 16 Sept 1940 (No. 16)  
b. Sent from: Delegate KOBAYASHI at BATAVIA  
c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
d. Summary: Reports of an interview between KOBAYASHI and VAN MOUK held on the 14th.

(p 41) a. Telegram: Dated 17 Sept 1940 (No. 18)  
b. Sent from: Delegate KOBAYASHI to BATAVIA  
c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
d. Summary: KOBAYASHI confirms the guarantee made by the Dutch Minister on export of NEI oil at the interview with VAN MOUK and was told that VAN MOUK would strictly observe the promise outlined in the Dutch Minister's guarantee handed to Japanese Govt authorities.

(pp 60-61) a. Telegram: Dated 23 Sept 1940 (No. 26)  
b. Sent from: Delegate KOBAYASHI  
c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
d. Summary: KOBAYASHI expresses his opinion to exclude 650,000 tons of oil which is the quantity to be sold by the American and British oil companies in Japan, from 3,150,000 tons which is the total quantity Japan wishes to purchase from NEI. KOBAYASHI expresses his view if that quantity were included, there is a fear of complication at the negotiation.

(pp 62-64) a. Telegram: Dated 26 Sept 1940 (No. 12)  
b. Sent from: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
c. To: Delegate KOBAYASHI at BATAVIA  
d. Summary: Reply to Telegram No. 26 of KOBAYASHI. It stated that the Fuel Bureau had accepted KOBAYASHI's opinion and the question of 650,000 tons of oil intended for sale by the American and British firms would be negotiated separately aside from the major negotiations in session.

(pp 65-67) a. Telegram: Dated 28 Sept 1940 (No. 34-1 and 2)

b. Sent from: Delegate KOBAYASHI at BATAVIA

c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

d. Summary: KOBAYASHI let SAITO hand ~~Aid~~-memoire to the Netherlands Indies Govt on 23rd. It relates the importance of early settlement of the oil question. To this, the Netherlands Indies Govt handed another ~~Aid~~-memoire in reply to the Japanese one. But it was not a satisfactory reply and upon receipt of it SAITO and MUKAI at once went to see the Netherlands delegate and stressed the necessity and importance of the settlement of oil problem first before switching on to negotiations on other products. But Netherlands delegate showed strong attitude and finally this interview ended in failure without reading any agreement by both parties.

(pp 79-81) a. Telegram: Dated 10 Oct 1940 (No. 57)

b. Sent from: Delegate KOBAYASHI at BATAVIA

c. Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

d. Summary: Telegram on production conditions of oil in NEI and oil policy of NEI as handed by NEI delegate.

(p 101) (In English) Full text of a reply to NEI's "aid-memoire". The main point in this reply is that Japan deems it the most important question to have the settlement of oil negotiation first as it is light a pivot.

(p 111) a. Telegram: Dated 14 Oct 1940 (No. 74)

b. Sent from: Delegate KOBAYASHI at BATAVIA

c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

d. Summary: Chief of Fuel Bureau urged MUKAI to have the conclusion of oil agreement done as early as possible because of the changing of international situation following the conclusion of Tripartite Pact.

(pp 114-116) a. Telegram: Dated 16 Oct 1940 (No. 31)

b. Sent from: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

c. To: Delegate KOBAYASHI at BATAVIA

d. Summary: This is a reply telegram to KOBAYASHI's dated 11 Oct 1940, No. 64 regarding the progress report on the recent oil negotiation held at Tokyo.

(pp 121-122) a. Telegram: Dated 16 Oct 1940 (No. 33)

b. Sent from: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

c. To: Delegate KOBAYASHI at BATAVIA

d. Summary: Instruction and advice regarding oil negotiation at BATAVIA.

(pp 129-130) (In English) a. Telegram: Dated 22 Oct 1940 (No. 91)  
b. Sent from: Delegate SAITO at BATAVIA  
c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
d. Summary: This is the Japanese note issued as a reply to NEI's note dated 7th inst. Japanese delegation is not satisfied with the NEI proposal on supply of oil, etc. and requests further consideration to reach a satisfactory compromise for both parties.

(pp 156-158) a. Telegram: Dated 26 Oct 1940 (No. 106)  
b. Sent from: Delegate SAITO at BATAVIA  
c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
d. Summary: The main points of the substance of interview between CPA and HOUSTLADEN which seemed to be of interest

(pp 159-165) a. Telegram: Dated 29 Oct 1940 (No. 113-142)  
b. Sent from: Delegate SAITO at BATAVIA  
c. To: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
d. Summary: From MUKAI to Chief of Fuel Bureau reporting the definite reply from NEI side on conditions of purchasing of oil

(p 175) a. Telegram: Dated 31 Oct 1940 (No. 43)  
b. Sent from: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA  
c. To: Delegate SAITO at BATAVIA  
d. Summary: It is discussed at the meeting of authorities concerned on the question of acquisition of mining region in NEI that trying to acquire vast unknown area for oil is dangerous and some showed hesitation, but it is quite certain that there would surely be good deposits of other mineral resources, so it was finally decided to acquire the whole area mentioned in telegram No. 41 dated 30 October.

(pp 211-212) Telegram from SAITO to MATSUOKA dated 12 Nov 1940, informing about the announcement of the signing of the oil contract. Japanese did not like to announce it, but NEI delegate insisted to have it announced and NEI delegates informed the Japanese to the effect that if they objected, NEI side would announce it as per telegram No. 155. The Joint Communique was announced at 6 p.m. of 12th (No. 154).

(p 218) Telegram from MATSUOKA to SAITO at BATAVIA, dated 14 Nov 1940 to the effect that Japanese Govt had suspended the announcing of the NEI announcement made public as per Telegram No. 155 by NEI Govt and further requested them to take measures to prohibit local Japanese firms and shops from despatching news on questions on purchase of oil. (No. 56)

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(pp 245-246) Telegram from ISHIZAWA to MATSUOKA dated 6 Dec 1940 reporting the future plans for developing and acquiring of NEI oil for resources. (No. 204)

(p 251) Telegram from Delegate YOSHIZAWA at BATAVIA to MATSUOKA, dated 3 Feb 1941 requesting the Foreign Minister to take necessary steps to stop spreading of views by KOBAYASHI that "the oil negotiations were satisfactory and Japan could obtain more than she wanted....." (No. 47)

(pp 279-280) Telegram from YOSHIZAWA at BATAVIA to MATSUOKA, dated 2 May 1941, regarding final Japanese proposal on oil question. (pp. 281-285 contain similar material.)

(p 288) Telegram from YOSHIZAWA to MATSUOKA dated 24 May 1941 informing that Japanese delegation had prepared and handed the memo as per another telegram on 22nd concerning proposal for oil resources. (No. 209)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Yale C. Maxon,  
Chief, Document Division, IPS.  
  
(Attention: Miss Mattison)

FROM: Edward P. Monaghan,  
Chief, ID-IPS.

SUBJECT: Return of document

Upon request from the Foreign Office IPS Document #3032 was returned to the Archives of the Foreign Office on 30 January 1948. This document is described as follows:

IPS Doc. 3032 "Economic Negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies (Petroleum)", dated July 1940 - June 1941.

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*Edward P. Monaghan*  
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Netherlands East Indies (Main Points)", dated  
July 1940 - Dec. 1940, and Dec. 1940 - June 1941,  
respectively.

Vol. 3  
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"Economic Negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands  
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