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TO His Excellency, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of Switzerland, Camille Georges /phonetic/:

With this letter I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter No. CC 1.3.6 DCu of the 5th July concerning the treatment of prisoners of war in the Thailand Camp and the matter of visiting this camp.

The competent authorities to whom the contents of said letter had been immediately communicated inform me that the prisoners of the Thailand Camp are equitably treated; furthermore, those who are sick have received the best medical treatment in the prisoner of war hospital. So far as the matter of visiting the camp is concerned, authorization will not be given for the moment.

Please accept, Monsieur le Ministre, renewed assurances of my high esteem.

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mamoru SHIGEMITSU

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I.P.S. No. 1432-A

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, NAKANISHI, Sadayoshi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Acting Director of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau and that as such official I had custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 2 pages, dated 24 July, 1943 and described as follows: Letter to Swiss Minister from Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs re visiting Thailand POW Camp

I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Prisoner of War Information Bureau

Signed at Tokyo on this

8th day of November, 1946.

/s/ NAKANISHI, Sadayoshi
Signature of Official

SEAL

Witness: /s/ Koji Yokoi

Acting Director of the Prisoner
of War Information Bureau
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, J. A. Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this

8th day of November, 1946

Witness: /s/ G.S. Woolworth

/s/ J. A. Curtis, 2nd Lt.
NAME

Investigator
Official Capacity