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To: General-General OKAMOTO in SHANGHAI
Colonel-General NAKAMURA in HONGKONG

From: Minister HIROTA

Subject: Matters pertaining to Propaganda Work for
the Destruction of the Nationalist Government.

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As an aid in hastening the self-dissolution of the Nationalist Government, this Ministry has heretofore been making various propaganda leaflets and pamphlets which aims at the disintegration within the enemy's army and the alienation of the people's minds. These propaganda matters have been scattered in various important areas by navy aircrafts and such. In view of the fact that there seems to have been frequent outbursts of internal dissensions in the CANTON, SZECHWAN areas for the past few days, it is thought that this might be the appropriate time to hasten the disintegration and destruction by aggravating the domestic discord through the reinforcement of this type of project, without losing the opportunity. Therefore, since this type of work necessitates timeliness in the future as regards matters which require immediate planning, it is requested that your offices also make appropriate leaflets and pamphlets, or give consideration to the completion of the work through means such as radios and newspapers.

Futhermore, as an outline for the immediate propaganda work, we feel that the following methods are necessary:

1. From olden times in SZECHWAN Province, there is an idea to the effect that SZECHWAN should be ruled by the SZECHWAN people. We must emphasize this idea more strongly and at the same time help the SZECHWAN Army unite against CHIANG Kai Shek.
2. In the CANTON area, we must observe the relationship between YU HAN-MOU, CHEN CHI-TANG, and NANKING and spur the internal disintegration.

3. In the HSU-CHOW area, we must plan the estrangement of the local army and the Central Army.
4. We must plan to cause and promote anti-communistic movements in all areas.

From SHANGHAI

Request wire be relayed to PEIPING as reference.