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The German Ambassador.

Tokyo, September 27, 1940

G No. 1001

Strictly confidential.

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Letter Jyo - ni Nr.133 of this date with the contents as follows:

"I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, the Japanese Government earnestly share the hope with the Governments of Germany and Italy that the present European War will remain limited as far as possible in its shpere and scope and will come to a speedy conclusion and that they shall on their part spare no effort in that direction.

However, the conditions actually prevailing in Greater East Asia and elsewhere do not permit the Japanese Government to rest assured in the present circumstances that there is no danger whatever of an armed conflict taking place between Japan and Great Britain, and accordingly they desire to call attention of the German Government to such a possibility and to state that they feel confident that Germany will do their utmost to aid Japan in such eventuality with all means in their power."

I take this occasion to note the contents of Your Excellency's letter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the highest consideration.

signed: Ott.

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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, K. Hayashi hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief of the Archives Section of the Foreign Office, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 7 pages, dated Sept. 27, 1940, and described as follows: Three letters from German Ambassador OTT to the Imperial Japanese Foreign Minister, dated September 27, 1940, and numbered G1000, G1001, and G1002, respectively. 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): Foreign Ministry.

Signed at Tokyo on this
24 day of August, 1946

/s/ K. Hayashi
Signature of Official
Official Capacity SEAL

Witness: /s/ Nagabaru Odo

Statement of Official Procurement

I, Edward P. Monaghan, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document 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
24th day of August, 1946

/s/ Edward P. Monaghan
NAME

Witness: /s/ R. H. Larch

Investigator, IPS
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