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### Teletype to Reic's Foreign Minister

Today

### Barlin, 22 Fabruary 1941 Secret

(To be presented before OSFILA's arrival)

The Japanese Ambassador visited me this morning. The briefly developed his viewpoints regarding the future Japanese foreign policy. OSFILA arranged the three tasks of Japan in East Asia according to their urgency from north to south.

#### 1.) Russia

OSTRA emphasized the emotional side of this question with the Japanese public. The latter would not admit an agreement (non-aggression pact) with Russia if real sacrifices were to be brought for this. But perhaps a modus vivendi with Russia could be reached without sacrifices and would also be sufficient to relieve Japan in the north.

#### Speed is required.

## China

OSPIMA deplored that Japan had not settled matters with CFIANG KAI-SUEK long ago. A settlement should now be found. There were two schools at present in Tokyo, one which would directly agree with CFIANG KAI-SUEK, the other which would put pressure on CFIANG KAI-SUEK by giving preference to WANG CUING-WEI. OSFILA himself inclines toward the latter procedure.

# 3.) British Possessions in East Asia.

In this connection OSUTEA made military statements concerning which it may be sufficient to mention that OSUTEA considers it necessary to take Fongkong first, which should not be very difficult. Singapore has to be seized in grand style from the sea and from the land.

I expressed doubts to OSFIMA whether the order of the problems, which he had mentioned, fits the demand of the historic hour which would probably never return. OSFIMA replied that he had energetically advocated the point of view in Tokyo that one should not let slip by opportunities that would determine the fate of Japan for centuries.

I suppose that OSTIMA's trend of thought when he visits Fuschl will be within the framework depicted above.

WEIZSACKER

I, W. F. Cumming, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. That I am an Attache of the United States Department of State on the Staff of the United States Political Adviser on German Affairs, and as such I am a representative of the Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.). That in my capacity as above set forth, I have in my possession, custody, and control at the Berlin Documents Center, Berlin, Germany, the original captured German Foreign Office files and archives.

2. That said original Foreign Office files and archives were captured and obtained by military forces under the command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and upon their seizure and capture were first assembled by said military forces.

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- 3. That I was assigned to said document center at Marburg, Germany, on August 15, 1945; and said captured German Foreign Office files and archives first came into my possession and control while I was stationed at Marburg, Germany, and that thereafter the same have continued in my possession and custody and under my control.
- 4. That the document to which this affidavit is attached is a true and correct photostatic copy of an original German Foreign Office document which was captured from said German Foreign Office files and archives, and which came into my possession and custody and under my control in the manner above set forth.
- 5. That said original document, of which the attached is a photostatic copy, is being held and retained by me in order that it may be examined and inspected by various interested agencies, and a photostatic copy of said original is hereby furnished and certified to because of the unavailability of said original for the reasons above set forth.

S/W. P. Cumming
W. P. CUMMING

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 1946.

G. H. GARDE Lt. Colonel, AGD Acting Adjutant General

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