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I, Hayashi Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, hereby certify that the document hereto attached in Japanese, consisting of 24 pages, is an exact and true copy of an official document of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, consisting of telegrams interchanged between Foreign Minister Tōgō and Ambassador Satō at Moscow during the period from 12 July 1945 to 8 August 1945 (telegrams addressed to Ambassador Satō, Nos. 893, 898, 931 and 932; telegrams addressed to Foreign Minister Tōgō, Nos. 1385, 1417, 1449, 1450, 1484 and 1530).

Certified at Tokyo,
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