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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

File contains various telegrams sent from Foreign Office to Japanese ambassador dating from 1942-5. Many of these telegrams request information and data concerning Russia. Following are examples:

1. Foreign Minister, TOGO to Ambassador TATEKAWA in U.S.S.R., No. 49, dated 30 Jan 42, p. 5, requesting information on living conditions in MOSCOW and food situation in U.S.
2. Ambassador SHIGEMITSU to Foreign Minister TOGO, No. 736, 10 Jun 42, p. 16, requesting materials re German-Soviet War, action of Comintern and other materials from Doc. 1.
3. TOGO to SATO and OTA, No. 104, 576, 31 Jul 42, requesting report of weather conditions for every two weeks to September plus data re crop conditions.

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4. Foreign Minister TANI to consuls in PEKING, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, TSINGTAO, No. 120, 20 Feb 43, pp. 73-4, re information concerning Soviet organizations in above mentioned areas.

5. From Soviet Squad of Editorial Room, Navy General Staff to 3rd Section of Research Dept, Foreign Ministry, 10 Feb 43, ~~materialingemwirlahtsrandiradhesstations~~ ~~undWossSaRionandofeuSSing~~ information re number of ships under construction. p. 95.

6. Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador SATO in MOSCOW, No. 1118, 23 Dec 43, p. 184, requesting sending of weather reports.

7. Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Charge d'affaires BSHII in THAILAND, 22 Apr 44, pp. 249-50, re information concerning communists in THAILAND.

8. SHIGEMITSU to KASE in SWITZERLAND, No. 216, 29 Aug 44, requesting information re recent communist activities in France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, America.

9. SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador HIDAKA in Italy, 26 Dec 44, pp. 306-7, requesting information re communist influences in new BONOMI reign.

10. Foreign Minister TOGO to SATO (MOSCOW); KASE (SWITZERLAND); OKAMOTO (SWEDEN), No. 614, 23 Jul 45, pp. 339-40, requesting information re French Communist Party Conference held in PARIS, and possible banding together of European communist parties to break down DE GAULLE, FRANCO and SWISS plutarchies.

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TELEGRAMS SENT FROM FOREIGN OFFICE

TO JAPANESE AMBASSADORS

1942 - 1945

1. ~~From the~~ Foreign Minister to Ambassador TATEKAWA, ^{MOSCOW} ~~in U.S.S.R.~~

Jan. 30, 1942. NO. 49.

"If you have the recent materials concerning the livelihood situation in MOSCOW and the general foods problem in U.S.S.R., please report by return of post. PP. 5

2. ~~From~~ Foreign Minister TOGO to Acting Consul-general OTA at

VLADIVOSTOCK Jan. 19, 1942. NO. 9

If you have some Russian Typewriter not using in office

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Consulate-general please send two of them to 3rd section of
the Research Department. PP. 6-7

3. From Foreign Minister TOGO to Consul-general HORIUCHI at
SHANGHAI May 6, 1942. No. 630

From OGATA to Examiner MATSUI. Please buy and bring
back a book of "Out of the night" by Jan VALTIN. PP. 10

4. From Ambassador SHIGEMITSU to Foreign Minister TOGO,
June 10, 1942. No. 736

Please send me the materials
of GERMAN-SOVIET War and action of Comintern and all of
others from Doc. No. 1. PP. 16

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5. From Foreign Minister TOGO to Ambassador SATO in U.S.S.R.,

June 29, 1942. No. 477

I want to know concerning following matters in order
to research this year's crop in U.S.S.R.;

A. The time of last snowfall and snow-break in this
spring and the rising condition of temperature for several
ten days after it.

B. The rain-fall condition, the weather and the temperature
condition for every ten days between April and June.

C. Seed beginning time and sowing area of each
main farms in U.S.S.R. pp. 18-20

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6. From Foreign Minister TOGO to Acting Consul-general OTA

at VLADIVOSTOCK, June 29, 1942. NO. 86

Re: same matters mentioned above, in the FAR EAST. ^(of U.S.S.R.) PP. 23-25

7. From Foreign Minister TOGO to Ambassador SATO in U.S.S.R.

and to Acting Consul-general OTA at VLADIVOSTOCK, July 31,

1942. NO. 576, 104.

I want to know the weather condition in your responsible regions. So please send the reports for every two weeks till September, and in the same time send the articles of newspapers show the work of agriculture and the crop conditions. PP. 41-42, 43-44.

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From Foreign Minister TOGO to Acting Consul-general OTA at

VLADIVOSTOCK, Sept. 16, 1942. NO. 133

Please send me the original of mottoes concerning the
Anniversary of the Revolution and May-day for following
years.

A. Mottoes on the Anniversaries of the Revolution.

1917-1928, 1930, 1933, 1934, 1937, 1941.

B. Mottoes on May-days.

1917-1933, 1935-1937, 1940, 1941.

C. Manifestos of Comintern.

For all years except an Anniversary of the Revolution in

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1925. pp. 48-50.

9. From Foreign Minister TANI to Ambassador in MANCHUKUO,

Feb. 17, 1943. NO. 51.

CRAUTH MANERT has started from TOKYO on Feb. 17, but according to DILINGER he will arrive at your responsible country on about Feb. 22 and stay there for a week to collect all kinds of materials. pp. 70-71.

10. From Foreign Minister TANI to each Consuls in PEKING,

SHIANGHAI, TIEN TSIN and TSINGTAO, Feb. 20, 1943. NO. 120

Please report me concerning following matters of SOVIET organizations (include diplomatist, consul, representative

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of trade and bank agency etc.) in your responsible regions.

A. The kind of organization and its construction exist in your responsible regions.

B. Their active condition especially recent operation.

Moreover please send me the reports ^{regularly} concerning above matters

since now. PP. 73-74

12. From the chief of 1st Section of Research Department, Foreign

Ministry to the chief of Research Section of President's House,

Planning Board, Feb. 18, 1943. NO. 95

Please report the civic opinion concerning the following matters.

8.

A. Research re "How GERMAN and AUSTRIA had fallen, how BRITAIN and FRANCE had held themselves and how U.S.A. had contributed it" in the World War I.

C. Examination of population classified by race, sex, age and vocation in the territories of every countries.

D. Future of SLAV, CHINESE, BRITISH, AMERICAN and GERMAN in view of anthropology.

F. War time foods problem in U.S.A.

I. The World War and the action of Judaic citizens in U.S.A..

J. Economic condition of U.S.A. before outbreak of the war.

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L. Research of the nationality of U.S.A. pp. 75-77

13. From Soviet Squad of Editorial Room, Naval General Staff

To 3rd Section of Research Department, Foreign Ministry,

Feb. 10, 1943.

If you have any materials concerning following matters, please report it.

A. The wireless station of U.S.S.R.

B. The radio station of U.S.S.R.

C. The ships of U.S.S.R. on the stocks. pp. 95.

14. From Ambassador KURIHARA in TURKEY to Foreign

Minister SHIGEMITSU, Apr. 26, 1943. NO. 179

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If you need the translation of a part concerning military industry in the book titled "The economic geography of U.S.S.R.", I'll send for you. In this connection this book ~~was~~ published at MOSCOW in 1940 (after division of POLAND by GERMAN and SOVIET) have based on the results of the second five year plan and have explained about the third five year plan in U.S.S.R.. PP. 136

15. From Foreign Minister SAIGEMITSU to Minister in PORTUGAL,

Apr. 23, 1943. NO. 101.

Please send me a book of "One World", WILKIE's impression for U.S.S.R., published at U.S.A. in April, and one of it send

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to Japanese Embassy in U.S.S.R. . . PP. 137-138

16. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Minister SHIOZAWA

at Peking, Sept. 17, 1943

Please report me the materials or observations concerning the echo of Chinese Communists to the 11th Central National Meeting (held at CHUNGKING) and the results of the Chinese All Communist Meeting, will be held recently, because these materials will be importance to judge the relation between KUOMIN-TANG (Chinese National Party) and Chinese Communist Party (after dissolution of Comintern) and the trend of anti-Japanism in CHINA. PP. 165-166.

17. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador SATO in

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U.S.S.R. and Consul-general HIROSE at VLADIVOSTOK,

Nov. 16, 1943. NO. 93A

Please report me the temperature condition and the
snowfall in winter for two times per month. PP. 175-176.

18. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador

SATO in U.S.S.R., Dec. 23, 1943. NO. 1118

Please telegraph me the general condition of weather
in U.S.S.R., PP. 184

19. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Minister

YAMAJI in BULGARIA, Jan. 14, 1944. NO 9.

Your research have served very much as a reference,

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but you must pay your attention to the jointed condition of Communist elements for TITO's forces and the future movement of Partisan going to south for MACEDONIA especially the co-operative situation for GREEK Partisan. Moreover, according to a report, I hear that there are about 50,000 Partisans headed by Colonel ZERBAS in GREECE, so please examine and report me concerning its active condition and existence of the British Anti-German Armed Organization against it.

Moreover, make your best to gain possession of the Constitution established by TITO Reign and Telegraph whole sentences of it.

pp. 193-195

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20. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Minister TAMASU

in BULGARIA, Jan. 29, 1944. No. 14

According to recent Soviet magazine "War and Labour Class",

Colonel ZERBAS's Partisan is the BRITAIN adherents and the

Partisan of SOVIET adherents is commanded by Colonel SALAFIS.

It consists of several thousands members and its center of

action is the central and western part of MACEDONIA. So

make your best to collect the informations about the actions

both of them. PP. 201-202

21. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador

KURIHARA in TURKEY, Feb. 3, 1944. No. 18

15.

According to Soviet magazine "War and Labour Class" on Jan. 15, there are ~~the~~ Partisan of SOVIET adherents commanded by Colonel SALAFIS and one of BRITAIN adherents by Colonel ZERBAS standing face ^{to face} each other; please research and telegraph me the relation ^{between} the SLOVOS Reign and the SAFLIS Reign, reported by your telegram, and both of above mentioned. PP. 211-212

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From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador MITANI in FRANCE, re active condition of French Communist Party, on Mar. 13, 1944. NO. 44

Investigate and telegraph me following matters.

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A. Present opinion or essential points introduced by
French Communist Party.

C. Construction classified by Party of the Regulation Committee
in the Liberation Committee, especially number of Communist.

PP. 222-223

23. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador KURIHARA
in TURKEY, Mar. 20, 1944. No. 36.

Please investigate and telegraph me whether the
SAFLIS Reign exist and ^{whether} it stand face to face with the
SLOVOS Reign or joint ^{each other} in common front. PP. 225-226

24. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Consul-general

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KOYANAGI at ALEXANDROVSK and Consul MURASE at OKHA,

Apr. 22, 1944. NO. 208

Please bring with you some seeds of the grains
(wheat, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat and millet etc.), and
the vegetables (cabbage and tomato etc.), potato and sugar-
beet in order to investigate the farming in the northern
part of U.S.S.R and to research the increased production of
crops in the northern part of JAPAN. PP. 241-242

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From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Minister SAKAMOTO
in SWITZERLAND, Apr. 27, 1944. NO. 99

Please investigate and telegraph me for the following

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KOYANAGI at ALEXANDLOVSK and Consul MURASE at OKHA,

Apr. 22, 1944. NO. 208

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(wheat, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat and millet etc.), and
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From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Minister SAKAMOTO
in SWITZERLAND, Apr. 27, 1944. NO. 99

Please investigate and telegraph me for the following

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matters in the articles of JOURNAL DE JENEVA concerning
the Soviet's opinion for EUROPE.

A. When this press began to publish these articles?

B. The motive to publish them especially ^{its} backed influence
in other words existence of relation with BRITAIN and
U.S.A.

C. Personal history of the leading authors.

Moreover please investigate about GAZETTE DE LAUSANNE
too. PP. 245-246

26. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Chargé-d'affaires

ISHII in THAILAND, Apr. 22, 1944

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The active condition of Chinese Communist and Chinese emigrants' organization became clear by ^{the} recent report but I want to know about ^{other} communists' organization among nation of THAILAND, so please investigate it and telegraph me. pp. 249-250

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From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Minister KASE in

SWITZERLAND, Aug. 29, 1944. NO. 218.

It seems that the action of Communist Party and Communist elements in every countries becoming more actively, accompanied to the progress of present attack by anti-Axis circles, as a bridge-head of U.S.S.R. to establish the influence in EUROPE.

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So please do your best to collect the informations about following matters in your responsible country and telegraph it occasionally in view of difficulty to receive the reports from FRANCE and RUMANIA.

A. Recent trend of the action of Communist Party and Communist elements especially the existence of its increased influence.

B. What is the support (students and labourers etc.) of MAKI influence classified ^{by} FRENCH Communist? And comparison of the influence of MAKI's influence classified ^{by} BRITAIN and AMERICA and the former one.

C. Present principle of FRENCE and ITALIAN Communist Party

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especially the existence of class strife trend in the principle.

D. Recent situation of Communist organization in NORWAY and existence of unity front with BRITISH-AMERICAN influence.

E. Recent active condition of Communist in BELGIUM, HOLLAND and DENMARK. PP. 269-272

28. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Minister YAMAJI in BULGARIA, Oct. 23, 1944. No. 70

Please telegraph the point of TITO Constitution as full as possible. PP. 283

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29. From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador SATO
in U.S.S.R., Dec. 20, 1944. No. 1843

Please do your best to collect the materials be able
to learn the interest or the policy of RUSSIA under TZAR
Reign against ISLAM and LAMAISM. as a material to investigate
the foreign policy of U.S.S.R. utilizing the religion. pp. 299-300

30 From Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU to Ambassador HIDAHA
in ITALY, Dec. 26, 1944

Please investigate and telegraph me the following matters
in view of increased influence of Communist Party in new
BONOMI Reign.

23.

A. The power of Partisan classified ^{by} Communist in NORTH ITALY and the comparison with the power classified ^{by} BRITAIN.

B. Recent active situation of Communist elements in NORTH ITALY, in other words their principle and manoeuvring and increased number.

C. Main principle of Communist Party, in BONOMI Reign, for domestic policy especially existence of the trend for anti-capitalism and class strife. pp. 306-307

31 From Foreign Minister TOGO to Minister KUSUMOTO at PEKING, June 30, 1945. NO. 40

Please present a simple report based on the materials,

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got up to now, regarding the work condition of Chinese Communist against KOREAN and the active situation of Liberate Union. As you arrive at SHANGHAI, please send me the chart show the recent distributed condition of Chinese Communist influence, in the same time report ^{at times} its development condition since now. at pp. 331-333

32. From Foreign Minister TOGO to Minister OKAMOTO in SWEDEN, July 10, 1945

Please investigate and telegraph me the following matters concerning situation in NORWAY.

A. A. Invaded and occupied situation by SOVIET and BRITISH

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Army after collapse of GERMANY.

B. Name of revived political parties.

C. Present situation of the central administrative
organization.

D. Present situation of old anti-GERMAN organization pp. ³³⁵₃₃₆

33. From Foreign Minister TOGO to Minister MORISHIMA in
PORTUGAL, July 23, 1945. NO. 141

Please take possession of the decision of French Commu-
nist Meeting and telegraph it. pp. 338.

34. From Foreign Minister TOGO to Ambassador SATO in
U.S.S.R., Minister KASE in SWITZERLAND and Minister OKAMOTO

26.

in SWEDEN, July 23, 1945. NO. 614

I hear that the meeting of French Communist Party held at PARIS on early July, joined by the representatives of every Communist Parties in EUROPE as NORWAY, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, POLAND, HUNGARY etc., and have decided to breakdown DE GAUL, FRANCO and SWISS plutarchy. Please report me main attendances of conference, discussion course and decision. PP. 339-340

From Foreign Bureau to Ambassador SFTD in
London, July 1, 1945. NO. 775