

AFFIDAVIT

I, Joseph C. Grew, being first duly sworn, make oath and say that in a conversation with Mr. Koki Hirota, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, on October 27, 1933, the Minister said that he hoped I would always tell him if suggestions occurred to me by which our relations could be improved. I replied that since Mr. Hirota had asked me for suggestions I thought it wise to bring to his attention, in reply to his inquiry, the importance of giving practical effect to the Japanese assurances of maintaining the Open Door in Manchuria. Mr. Hirota observed that certain French interests had sent representatives to explore the opportunities for business in "Manchukuo" and he thought it would be well if American merchants should do likewise.

(Signed) Joseph C. Grew  
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Washington, D. C.  
October 15, 1947

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THIS 17th. DAY OF OCTOBER, 1947.

(SEAL)

(Signed) Martha H. Wilhelm

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宣 誓 口 述 書

先ヅ正式ニ宣誓シタル後、余、ジョセフ・シー・グルーハ次ノ如ク陳述スル、即チ一九三三年（昭和八年）十月廿七日、日本ノ外務大臣廣田弘毅ト會談ノ際、同大臣ハ余ニ對シ若シ余ニ於テ彼我ノ間ノ關係ヲ改善シ得ベシト思ハルル如キ提案ガアツタ場合ニハソレヲ彼ニ告ゲンコトヲ望ムト云ツタ。余ハ廣田氏ニ對シ、同氏ガ余ニ提案ヲ求メラレタ以上、余ハ氏ノ要請ニ應ジ滿洲ニ於テハ門戶開放主義ヲ保持ストノ日本ノ保證ニ對シ、實際的ノ效果ヲ與ウルコトノ重要性ニ就キ氏ノ注意ヲ喚起スルコトガ賢明ナラント考フル旨ヲ答ヘタ。廣田氏ハ或ルフランスノ利害關係筋デハ「滿洲國」ニ於ケル事業開發ノ機會ヲ索ムル爲ニ代表者ヲ送ツタガ、アメリカノ商人達モ亦同様ノコトヲ爲スノガヨイデハナイカト考エルトノ所見ヲ述ベタ。

一九四七年（昭和廿二年）十月十五日  
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ジョセフ・シー・グルー（署名）

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一九四七年（昭和廿二年）本十月十七日  
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マルタ・エイチ・ウキルヘルム（署名調印）

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