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夏回友 突三関 哈杂湖地方 日本政府 八日事件リー地方的事件トンテア東部シ、哈梨湖地方は在上上 本國政府一部長三基十双方庫一次多十八八意奉 本軍當局,行動八之下住然一九三年本改者が真三年和的意 件可外交機関二記交出了三移入 姓生谷谷等三件手 日本大使生艺人以外務人民委

中央委員會機製纸丁の方的分

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在早的及心竹圖三三小確定之方 起うナカンダラでかりかいったしり本側 封シルカ以子を報シテ行フコトハ、皮肉 提来二外交的友爱少加心用 十三ファイ八出来十一〇丁事件 可後小先少保章 等意法的學力方文通論 な生シュノデアラス、ノンナ 北一で多っ大使八国降低 政者小日本政 セラレネ

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小学は 再放計二同意の與「タコトナ人又 月国境八清国政府上編年、古八五万分分デアルのフン野邦、苗 。若法清国政方 レモノデルナイ。イッレニシデモファ 附圖ニョリ確定セラレタモノ 中本人為門占領人国境要 改不八 で本側からい 異ツタ トシテモ、ソレン 地圖

Def. Doc. # 1615 設之) 々二才 在員會一掌務中一同俗约二年十七夕国境 委員會一設置二对人们意力撤回人 琿 見がアル、致シンレモ再動定り為ナノミデ 軍事行動一停止一倒之一、老之月 問題八新国境一設定二萬人儿七点八 春界的习認力儿日明言セラレルち が理春界約二年サレり線り後方り 到定三川スルモノデアル。若し日本政 日本軍が「ベスイミヤンナヤ」及ど「サオ エルニセノモノラ以テスルトスフ的題ハ 地倒月基礎上又上回境一劃定軍 取了企厂以前,状能一隻歸之、

残存日本軍がア 動い停止セラレルデ 一思り于居儿街 立が良り、川側平和的意因于証明人 解国民、彼等が同強とナフラン類 構築物モナカツタ事ラ知り得夕戸 ルカラデアル。日本倒ハブサオゼルナヤ 生一村ラモはヤナイデアラウ。後 、ソレハ我々小尚領ラスをトシナイカ 上が撤退スレバア」一般二於九軍事行 記撃ラヤメ、「上領内三留マワテ居」 ナナイグラウンスカ、ル領土一解放 土八小地域デアツテモソコニ外国軍 少一一切等攻勢的行動一件備

1寫真版寫一部月差上十一千日日之一、現地事局 セラレルダラウ 後デ日本政府二理春界的及ど サナ分了解セラレ、本国政府二正確 レンナラナイ。大使八軍事行動停止 后心限り、「川解政府八其八行動, 野又心野がちりてスル限り、又り 付本国政府二報告又心日子约之

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CONCERNING THE CONFLICT IN THE REGION OF LAKE KHASAN.

Yesterday, August 4, the Japanese Ambassador in Moseow, Mr. Shigemitsu, called on the People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Comrade Litvinov, and with reference to the clash in the region of Lake Khasan, declared that the Japanese Government has the intention of resolving the "incident" by peaceful means as a local incident. Under instructions from his Government the Ambassador therefore is proposing to terminate military actions by both sides and to transfer the question to negotiations through diplomatic channels.

Comrade Litvinov replied that if in reality the Japanese Government had peaceful intentions then the activities of the Japanese military authorities are not at all in conformity thereto. The armed incursion into Soviet territory and the night attack on the Soviet frontier post accompanied by the use of artillery could only ironically be called peaceful actions. The "incident" had arisen only as a result of these activities and had they not occurred there would have been no incident. If the Japanese will terminate the attacks on Soviet territory and the bombardment thereof and will recall those remnants of its armed forces which may still be on Soviet territory there would then be no reason for the Soviet forces to continue its counter military activities and then the Soviet Government will be prepared to proceed to the diplomatic consideration of those proposals which the Japanese Government may wish to make to it. However, the inviolability of the Soviet frontier established by the Hunchun Agreement and the map annexed thereto must preliminarily be guaranteed.

The Ambassador said that he had no intention to renew the dispute concerning the frontier and concerning the responsibility of one side or the other, because there were no common views on both sides on that score. He recognizes the validity of international treaties, but Manchukuo after its separation from China has its own data. Japan has now seen for the first time the map annexed to the Hunchun Agreement. It would be unreasonable, therefore, to decide the incident on the basis of such a map. However, the Japanese Government is prepared to proceed to concrete negotiations on the spot concerning the treaty and the map. Negotiations. had already taken place previously concerning the delineation of the frontier between Japan and the Soviet Union and an agreement had been reached concerning the composition of mixed commissions. If the question is

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based only on maps then there would have been no reason to speak of mixed commissions. In the meantime it is, necessary to speak in a practical sense concerning the termination of military activities and of the reestablishment of the Situation existing prior to July 11.

To this the People's Commissar declared as follows: Frontiers between states are defined exclusively by international agreements and maps and not by the subjective opinions or wishes of governments and military circles, or by unofficial data. The official documents produced by the Soviet side have been countered on the Japanese side by nothing more than a declaration concerning its desire for a different frontier. The frontier between the Soviet Union, Manchukuo, and Korea can only be that which has been established by agreements and treaties concluded with the Chinese Government and by maps annexed thereto. The occupation of manchuria by Japan does not give the latter the right to demand andalteration of the frontier. In any event the Soviet Government has not agreed and will not agree to a re-examination of the frontier. It is not our fault if Tokyo has not in its possession the treaties and maps which were in the possession of the Chinese Government and should be in that of Manchukue, but, if they are not available in fact then the Ambassador could. of course, have asked us to give him copies of these treaties and maps for examination, but the Japanese armed forces had preferred instead the path of direct action and had penetrated beyond the line indicated on the map. The Soviet Government does not withdraw its consent to the cression of mixed commissions under the definite conditions stated by it. The question then did not refer to the establishment of a new frontier but to the demarcation (the establishment of frontier signs) or the re-demarcation of the frontier on the basis of the existing agreements and maps. If the Japanese Government will declare to us clearly its recognition of the Hunchun Agreement, then we will be prepared to include in the work of the mixed commission the frontier indicated therein, but only for re-demarcation. There can be no question of the substitution of the Hunchun Agreement by another. In regard to the termination of military activities, if there will be re-established the situation existing prior approximately to the 29th of July. that is, prior to the attempts by Japanese forces to seize the heights of Bezymyannaya and subsequently Zaozernaya and if the Manchurian side will cease attacks on Soviet territory lying behind the line indicated in the Hunchun Treaty and the bombardment of that territory, and the remnants of the Japanese forces which may still remain on that territory will be withdrawn, then the military activities on the Soviet side will cease, for they would become without object since we need no Manchurian territory. The Japanese could have convinced themselves after the night seizure of the Height of Zaozernaya that no preparations of any kind for offensive actions had been made there and that even no fortifications of any kind had been constructed. This, best of

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all, bears witness to the peaceful intentions of the Soviet side. The Soviet peoples, however, will not be reconciled to the presence of foreign troops on even a small piece of territory which they consider indisputably theirs. and will not hesitate before any sacrifices in order to free it from them. Therefore, as long as the attacks on Soviet territory and the bombardment thereof continue or as long as there is to be found even one Japanese seldier thereon, the Soviet Government must reserve to itself liberty of action. The Ambassador surely has understood and will accurately convey to his Government what is required in order to terminate the military activities. Later on the Japanese Government may receive a copy of photostatic copy of the Hunchun Agreement and map and to convey appropriate instructions to the authorities on the spot.

The Japanese Ambassador promised to inform his Government of the conversation. (TACC)

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/s/ K. Miura

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