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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: War Ministry Telegram No. 236 from Vice Minister of War TOJO and from Vice Minister of Navy Yamamoto to OSHIMA

Date: 29 August 1938 Original ( ) Copy (x) Language: Japanese  
English

Has it been translated? Yes (x) No ( )

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

No original (Exh No. 3515)

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Saionji Diary (Vol XX, pp 2553 - 2555)

PERSONS IMPLICATED: ITAGAKI, Seishiro; OSHIMA, Hiroshi

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Anti-Comintern Pact; Relations with U.S. and U.S.S.R.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

This telegram, sent in conjunction with War Ministry Telegram No. 235. (IPS Doc. No. 3269), contains further instructions and explanation concerning the proposed treaty of alliance between Germany, Italy, and Japan. It is stated that "this treaty is an extension of the existing Anti-Comintern Pact, and is a plan which makes clear the intent that the Soviet Union is the chief target". Caution is to be taken in the wording of the text "so as not to give the impression that England and the United States are the greatest enemies".

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一、「前文案」ハ本協定ガ現存防共協定ノ延長ニシテ主トシテ、蘇聯ヲ目標トスル趣旨ヲ明確ナラシメントシタル一案ニシテ英米等ヲ正面ノ敵トスルガ如キ印象ヲ與ヘザル様用語上ニ注意セルモノナリ

二、「本文案」第三條ノ武力的援助ノ義務ヲ速時且無條件ナラシメズ又我方ノ意ニ反シテ純然タル歐洲問題ニ捲キ込マル、如キ危険ナカラシムル爲兵力的援助ニ入ルニ先テ協議ヲ行フヲ進前トシタルモノナリ

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