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MEMORANDUM BY COL. P. KAWABE, MILITARY
ATTACHE TO JAPANESE EMBASSY AT MOSCOW
DATED JULY 14, 1932

CONCLUSION

The exploitation of Manchuria and Mongolia aiming at the guarantee of the nation's economic life, security of our national defense and establishing the foundation of existence and progress of our Empire is the urgent need of the present and the most memorable achievement ever known. So the whole nation must exert utmost efforts whole-heartedly.

For this purpose, we must externally try as far as possible to avert the outbreak of international troubles and internally making our revolutions more stable, realize the national unity and proceed to the speedy accomplishment of the great task.

As to the obstacles such as Chinese maneuvers, restraints by the League of Nations, acts of America and Russia, etc. against the accomplishment of the great task, we should employ proper diplomacy and endeavor to exclude the obstacles as well as avoiding making matters worse, but it is necessary for us to be ready to appeal to arms against Russia, China and under certain circumstances against America if it is inevitable. Therefore, the emphasis must be laid on the repletion of military armaments against Russia.

As our Empire's military power as compared with those of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. will be put at a disadvantage gradually; we must strive to set up as soon as possible the foundation of our exploitation of Manchuria and Mongolia, especially the general principles of the task that will become the important factor of the national defense, while we must strengthen our military power so that we may reject other countries' intervention flatly.

Counter-measure against the U.S.S.R.

A Russo-Japanese war in the future is unavoidable. Considering the military power of the U.S.S.R. only it seems to be advantageous for us to make war with her as soon as possible, but as we are now facing the great task of exploitation of Manchuria

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and Mongolia and the world situations, especially those in America and China, are not favorable for us, it is better for us for a while, not only to be cautious not to cause Russo-Japanese War by our initiative, but also refrain from stimulating her as much as possible. It is true that postponement of war will increase the military power of the U.S.S.R., but our military power also will be increased.

But in case the U.S.S.R. obstructs positively our exploitation of Manchuria and Mongolia, or extends the evil hands of Bolshevism to those areas wilfully and does not listen to our warning, we must not only be ready to solve fundamentally the Russian problem at once, but, we must leave nothing to be desired in view of the fact that not a little possibility of causing troubles due to unexpected causes prevails, as the margin of strength between Japan and the U.S.S.R. has become very little and the Far Eastern forces of the U.S.S.R. are being reinforced.

(1) As to the conclusion of a non-aggression pact proposed by the U.S.S.R., we must be non-committal and reserve our freedom of action.

(2) Regarding the construction of transportation networks in Northern Manchuria, we must take into consideration the drain of the East China Railway and strategy towards the U.S.S.R.

(3) We must pay deepest attention to the prevention of Bolshevik movements towards Manchuria, Mongolia, and furthermore, towards Japan. Especially we must guide Manchukuo, leaving nothing to be desired, do our best to obtain actual proof of Russian propaganda and intrigue, and endeavor to prevent her completely.

Although we shall not support the political activity of White Russians residing in Manchukuo, with a view to make use of them if necessary, we must carry out complete investigation and control of them.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lt. Colonel TARANENKO G. I.,
a member of the military forces of the U.S.S.R., do
hereby certify that the photocopy of the "Report of
Japanese military attache in Moscow Lt. Colonel Kawabe
made on July 14, 1932."

was delivered to me by the Red Army Chief Military
Prosecution Department, Moscow
on or about March 22, 1946, and that the original
of the said document may be found in the archives
of the said department.

I do further certify _____

/s/ TARANENKO

Lt. Col. TARANENKO
(Signature and rank.)

Tokyo, Japan

May 17, 1946

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INTERROGATION:

September 3, 1946

Tokyo.

Colonel Ivanov, Assistant Prosecutor for the U.S.S.R. at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, in the presence of interpreter Major Pashkovsky, in the premises of the I.P.S. has presented to Kawabe, Torashiro, former Lt-General of the Japanese Army, a photocopy of the document in the Japanese language containing 5 pages and a photostate of the envelope, being the Report, sent by him on July 14, 1932 from Moscow to Tokyo.

Having personally read the document presented to him, Kawabe has made the following inscription at the back of each of the 5 pages of the photocopies of the document in his own hand:

"I hereby certify that this photocopy is a copy of the document written in my own hand.

September 3, 1946
Kawabe, Torashiro."

Interpreter, Major Pashkovsky, who was present there, translated the contents of this inscription from Japanese into Russian.

Interpreter's certificate of responsibility for correct translation is attached herewith.

This interrogation is drawn up in confirmation of the above said.

Colonel IVANOV, Assistant
Prosecutor, for the U.S.S.R. at the
International Military Tribunal
for the Far East.

Major PASHKOVSKY, Interpreter.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENT:

I, M. GILDENBLAT, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the Russian and English languages: and the above is a correct and true translation of the indicated document.

Signature: M. GILDENBLAT

CERTIFICATE

The city of Tokyo
September 3, 1946.

I, the undersigned, Major Pashkovsky Alexey Antonovich, hereby certify to Colonel Ivanov, Assistant Prosecutor for the USSR, that I am thoroughly conversant with the Japanese language to translate printed or written text into Russian, and that I promise to translate correctly the inscription made by the witness Kawabe, Torashiro on the photostate copy of the document, the Report sent by him from Moscow to Tokyo on July 14, 1932, which has been presented to him.

I have been duly warned of the responsibility for the purposely wrong translation under Article 92 of the Criminal Code of the R.S.F.S.R.

/s/ PASHKOVSKY

PASHKOVSKY.

Subscribed to before:

/s/

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Assistant Prosecutor for the USSR
At the International Military
Tribunal for the Far East.

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