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## Ultimatum against Germany

Considering it highly important and necessary in the present situation to take measures to remove all causes of disturbance to the peace of the Far East and to safeguard the general interests contemplated by the Agreement of Alliance between Japan and Great Britain, in order to secure a firm and enduring peace in Eastern Asia, establishment of which is the aim of the said Agreement, the Imperial Japanese Government sincerely believe it their duty to give advice to the Imperial German Government to carry out the following two propositions:

1st. To withdraw immediately from the Japanese and Chinese waters German men-of-war and armed vessels of all kinds, and to disarm at once those which cannot be so withdrawn.

2nd. To deliver on a date not later than September 15th 1914, to the Imperial Japanese Authorities, without condition or compensation, the entire leased territory of Kiaochow with a view to eventual restoration of the same to China.

The Imperial Japanese Government announces, at the same time, that, in the event of their not receiving by noon August 23, 1914 the answer of the Imperial German Government signifying an unconditional acceptance of the above advice offered by the Imperial Japanese Government, they will be compelled to take such action as they may deem necessary to meet the situation.

CERTIFICATE

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, SHIMODA Takeso, Chief of the Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document in English attached hereto consisting of 2 pages and entitled "Ultimatum against Germany" is an Exact and true copy of an official document of Japanese Foreign Office.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
7th day of August, 1946

(signed) T. SHIMODA  
Signature of Official

Witness: (signed) T. SATO