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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

Compiled by the Foreign Affairs Ministry Information Bureau in March 1935 on records available from January 1934 to March 1935 concerning the sale of the North Manchurian Railway by Russia to MANCHUKUO with Japan acting as mediator. Agreements and protocols relative to the transaction; speeches made by HIROTA, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, YOURENEFF, USSR Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, TINGE, MANCHUKUOAN Minister to Japan made when the final agreement was signed on 23 March 1935, are included.

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K. YAMADA, May 27, 1946

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Address of Constantin Youreneff, Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics to Japan, in the
case of signature of the agreement relative to
the cession of North Manchuria Railway
(Chinese Eastern Railway) on March 23, 1935.

It is a source of profound gratification for me to
agree with His Excellency Mr. HIROTA in his high
appreciation of the far reaching importance of the present
Agreement.

I am very happy that the negotiations which have
extended for the past twenty-one months have
culminated at last in the present Agreement, which
we have signed today. Needless to say, this should
bring a genuine satisfaction to every lover of peace
throughout the world. The Soviet Government have
consistently endeavored for the promotion of the peace
of the Far East and of the entire world. Especially
have they directed their best efforts to the improvement

of the relations between Japan and the U. S. S. R.

The Soviet Government were only actuated by their well-known policy of peace when they approached the Japanese Government for the sale of the North Manchuria Railway to Manchoukuo. They have since consistently adhered to that policy throughout the long and difficult negotiations, for the success of which they have fully demonstrated their good will and made maximum concessions.

At the same time, I feel it my duty to mention that both Japan and Manchoukuo have displayed the spirit of conciliation and cooperation. I wish to avail myself of the entire Soviet Delegation. The positive contribution made by Mr. HIROTA to the success of the negotiations was an important factor.

I believe that the Japanese Government, guided as they are like the Soviet by the love of peace, will secure a strict fulfillment of the obligations under the Agreement, and will further show their

good will in solving the pending questions between our two countries.

With mutual good will and confidence, with firm determination to maintain and promote peace, I am convinced that we shall, without any difficulty, be able to settle all the questions and assure the healthy development of the relations between the U.S.S.R. and Japan.

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K. YAMADA, May 27, 1946

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Address of Koki HIROTA, minister of Foreign Affairs in the case of signature of the agreement relative to the cession of North Manchuria Railway (Chinese Eastern Railway) on March 23, 1935.

On the successful completion of the negotiations relative to the cession to Manchukuo of the rights of the U.S.S.R. concerning the North Manchuria Railway, which have extended over the past twenty-one months, the Chief Delegates of Manchukuo and the U.S.S.R. have today affixed their formal signatures to the Agreement and, on behalf of the Japanese Government, I have also signed the papers in connection with the cession in order to contribute to the smooth operation of the said Agreement, which will no doubt contribute vastly toward the cause of the peace of East Asia as well as of the entire world.

This Agreement marks an epoch in the relations of

Manchoukuo and the U.S.S.R. by insuring the steady growth of their mutual cordiality, and consequently, greatly brightening the international outlook of East Asia. We owe it to the firm determination of the Soviet Government to settle once for all the questions relative to the North Manchuria Railway and to the fine spirit of conciliation with which the Government of Manchoukuo responded. I am really gratified that the Japanese Government have been able to discharge successfully their duties as mediator throughout the negotiations. In view of the far-reaching importance of this historic Agreement, it is not at all to be wondered at that the negotiations should have extended for nearly two years and been beset with difficulties.

Although there are questions pending among Japan, Manchoukuo and the U.S.S.R., besides that of the North Manchuria Railway just settled, it should not be difficult, I am thoroughly convinced, to solve them all amicably and satisfactorily if we deal with them

in the same conciliatory and cooperative spirit as has been demonstrated in the present negotiations. The task we have just performed, I believe, will furnish a concrete and enduring foundation for the intercourse of peace and amity between the three nations.

In conclusion, I wish to pay my most profound respect to the Chief Delegates and other members of the Delegations of Manchoukuo and the U.S.S.R., and to express my fervent hope for the most healthy development of the relations between these countries and Japan.

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K. YAMADA, May 29, 1946.

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Address of W. S. Y. Ting, Manchoukuo
Minister to Japan, in the case of
signature of the Agreement relative
to the cession of North Manchuria
Railway (Chinese Eastern Railway)
on March 23, 1935.

With the imminent visit of His Majesty the
Emperor of Manchoukuo to Japan, it is a matter
of signal honor to us Delegates of Manchoukuo to
have formally affixed our signatures to the historic
Agreement on the cession to Manchoukuo of the
rights of the U. S. S. R. concerning the North Man-
churia Railway. The successful outcome of the
present negotiations is a definite contribution towards
the peace of the Orient.

The Government of the U. S. S. R. made the proposal
the year before last for the cession to Manchoukuo
of their rights concerning the North Manchuria Railway,
which was regarded as a source of trouble in the

Far East. The negotiations were then begun between Manchukuo and the U. S. S. R., the Japanese Government acting as mediator. Through mutual concessions on both sides the Agreement for the cession has now been concluded, which should go far to improve the international situations in East Asia. It not only strengthens the foundation of a good neighborly relationship between Manchoukuo and the U. S. S. R. but promises a greater acceleration in the economic development of North Manchuria.

The contact between Manchoukuo and the U. S. S. R. along their extensive boundaries is apt to give rise to various questions. But as His Excellency the Foreign Minister Mr. HIROTA has aptly pointed out, we firmly believe that such questions, if negotiated in the same spirit of mutual conciliation and cooperation as has been manifested in the present Agreement, will doubtless yield to an amicable solution.

The success we have just achieved is due chiefly to the earnest mediation of the Japanese Government which have gone even so far as to afford us facilities for the floatation of loans toward the payment of the price and to guarantee the full payment to Manchoukuo. We are happy to note that such act on the part of the Japanese Government is, indeed, a demonstration of their most cordial friendship towards our country as it is an eloquent testimony to the most intimate relationship that exists between Manchoukuo and Japan.

I wish to avail myself of this occasion to express my deep appreciation of the earnest endeavor of the mediator, His Excellency the Foreign Minister Mr. HIROTA.

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