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昭和二十二年十一月 五日 於東京

林 馨


右署名捺印ハ自分ノ面前ニ於テ爲サレタリ

同日於同所

立會人

浦 部 勝 馬


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昭和十八年九月九日

外務省在敵國居留民間係事務室

鈴木公使

俘虜情報局長官殿

印度兵俘虜ノ待遇ニ関スル件

本件ニ関シ今般在「アフガニスタン」ニシテ田公使ヨリ別紙ノ通り電
報アリタルニ付御参考迄寫送付ス

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昭和十八年九月四日 着

重光外務大臣宛在「アフガニスタン」七田公使發電

印度兵俘虜ノ待遇ニ関スル件

印度當局ハ敵國俘虜ニ對スル日本ノ方針殊ニ印度兵俘虜
ニ對スル待遇悪キ旨「ラヂオ」新聞、公用演說等ヲ通シ頻リニ宣傳
ニ努メ居ルカ之カ實例トシテ赤十字國際委員會代表ノ印度兵收容
所視察ヲ許可セサルコト俘虜ノ氏名スラ十分通知セザルコト本年迄於
テ印度系俘虜ヨリ本國宛通信ハ五十二通ニ過キサルコト等ヲ述
ベ居レリ

又日本ハ自國兵ノ俘虜トナルコトヲ極度ニ恐ルルカ爲敵國俘虜ニ

對シテモ輕蔑虐待シ家族ノ心配ニ對シテハ同情ヲ有セストノ印象

ヲ與フルニ努メ居ルモノノ如シ

右ハ我當局ニ於テモ獨自ノ事由ヲ有セラルルユトトハ存スルモ對外宣

傳殊ニ對印工作上特ニ考慮ノ要アルヤニ思考セラルル

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Resident, Secret, No.687.

September 9, 1943.

To: Chief of Prisoners of War
Information Bureau,

From: Minister Suzuki,
~~The~~ Office for Affairs of
Residents in Enemy Countries.

Re: Treatment of Indian Prisoners of War

Concerning the above, we have received, from Minister
Shichida in Afghanistan, a telegram, as per separate copy,
which is enclosed herewith for your information.

Received on September 4, 1943.

Telegram from Minister Shichida in Afghanistan addressed to Foreign Minister Shigemitsu.

Re: Treatment of Indian Prisoners of War.

The Indian Authorities have been endeavoring to make propaganda, through the radio, press, public speeches, and other methods, against the Japanese policy toward enemy prisoners of war, especially re the bad treatment of Indian soldiers who have been made prisoners of war. To give a few examples, it is mentioned that visits by representatives of the International Red Cross Committee to the prisoners-of-war camps for Indian soldiers are not permitted, that even reports of the names of prisoners of war have not been made, and that only 52 letters have been sent home by Indian prisoners of war during this year.

It appears that Japan, being over-anxious that Japanese soldiers should not become prisoners of war, looks down upon enemy prisoners of war, and treats them badly, and is trying to give an impression that no sympathy is being shown regarding anxiety on the part of their families.

I ~~believe~~^{suppose} that the Japanese Authorities have their own reasons for such ^A policy, but I am of the opinion that matters of this kind should be taken into especial consideration in connection with our propaganda abroad, and particularly with our attitude toward India.

C E R T I F I C A T E

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section,
Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the
document hereto attached in Japanese consisting of
3 pages and entitled:

Resident, Secret, No.687, dated September 9, 1943,
addressed to the Chief of Prisoners of War Information
Bureau, by Minister Suzuki, re the Treatment of Indian
Prisoners of War,
is an exact and true copy of an official document of the
Japanese Foreign Office.

Certified at Tokyo,
on this 5th day of November, 1947.

/s/ K. Hayashi

Signature of Official

Witness:

/s/ K. Urabe