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I, Joseph C. Grew, being first duly sworn, make oath and say that on September 1, 1937, Mr. Koki Hirota, Prime Minister of Japan, said that he had explained Japan's precise aims to the Chinese Ambassador and Mr. Hirota said to me, "if Chiang Kai-shek will accept these conditions I can stop the war immediately." These conditions, he said are three in number: (1) Good relations with Manchuria. I said does that mean China's recognition of "Manchukuo." Mr. Hirota replied that juridical recognition might be very difficult for China and that it was not necessary. What Japan desired was good factual relations and the avoidance of the constant friction and trouble which China was creating. I said, "Then do you mean de facto recognition?" The Minister smiled and said he thought that was about it. He wanted China to recognize "Manchukuo's" existence. (2) The withdrawal of Chinese troops from North China. If the Chinese troops should withdraw from that area Mr. Hirota said that most of the Japanese troops would likewise withdraw. They simply wanted to ensure a zone of peace and quiet on the frontier of "Manchukuo." I said, "Does that mean Japanese control of North China?" The Minister said, "No, it does not," and he added that Japan visualized no political control but merely a state of peace and quiet. (3) The development of good relations between China and Japan. I asked him if by this he meant a cessation of anti-Japanese activities and propaganda. He replied that this was precisely what Japan wanted. "Chiang Kai-shek is weak" he said, "and he is in a very difficult position. If China possessed a single strong

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statesman today our troubles could be quickly solved. If Chiang Kai-shek will accept my conditions I can stop the war immediately."

(Signed) Joseph C. Grew
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Washington, D. C.
October 15, 1947

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
THIS 17th. DAY OF OCTOBER, 1947.

(SEAL) (Signed) Martha H. Wilhelm

My Commission Expires Sept. 1, 1951

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自分儀「ジョセフ・シー・グルー」ハ正式ノ方式ニ從ヒ宣誓ヲ爲シタ
 上、次ノ如ク供述致シマス。昭和十二年（千九百三十七年）九月一日日本
 國總理大臣廣田弘毅氏ハ中國大使ニ對シテ日本ノ目的ヲ明白ニ説明シタ
 言ヒマシタ。而シテ私ニ申シマスニハ「若シ蔣介石ガ次ノ條件ヲ受諾スル
 ナラバ自分ハ即時コノ戦争ヲ停止スルコトガ出來ル」ト。彼ガ申シマス
 件トハ三ヶ條デアリマシテ、(一)ガ、滿洲トノ好友關係。私ハコレニ對シテ
 コノ事ハ中國ノ「滿洲國」承認ノ意味デアルカト實シマシタ。
 廣田氏ノ返答ハ、法律上ノ承認ハ中國ニトツテ至難ナコトカモ知レヌガ、法
 律上ノ承認ハソノ必要ガナイ。事實上ノ親善關係ト中國ノ煽動ニカ、ル不
 斷ノ衝突紛争ノ回避、コレヲ日本ハ希望スルノデアルト。ソコデ私ハ「ソ
 レデハ貴下ハ事實上ノ承認トイフ意味デ言ハル、ノデスカ」ト實シマシタ
 廣田氏ハ笑ヲ浮ベテ申シマスニハ、マアソナ所デセウ。ソマリ中國ニ「
 滿洲國」ノ存在ヲ承認シテ貰イタイノデス。(二)中國軍ノ北支撤退。若シ中
 國軍ガ同地域ヨリ撤退スルトセバ、日本軍ノ大部分モ亦撤退シマス。日本
 軍ノ望ム所ハ軍ニ「滿洲國」國境ニ平穩平靜地帯ヲ確保シタイダケナノデハ
 スト廣田氏ハ申シマシタ。私ハソコデ實シマシタ「ソレハ日本ノ北支管理

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ヲ意味スルモノデアリマスカト。廣田氏ハ答ヘテ申シマスニハ「否、ソ
 ウイフ意味デアアリマセン」ト、而シテ言葉ヲ續ケテ申シマスニハ、日本
 ハ政治的支配ヲ目的トスルノデアリナク單ニ平和平穩ノ状態ヲ目的トスルノ
 デアリマスト。(三)中日兩國間ニ親善關係ヲ進展セシムルコト。コレニ對シ
 テ私ハ質シマシタ、コレハ抗日運動抗日宣傳ノ停止ヲ意味スルノデアルカ
 ト。廣田氏ハ、ソレコソ益ク日本ノ欲スル所デアルト答ヘ、而シテ申シマ
 スニハ「蔣介石ハ弱イ、彼ハ今極メテ苦シイ立場ニ立ツテイル。若シ中國
 ニ只一人デモ力強イ政治家ガ今日アレバ、今ノ紛争ハ立チ所ニ解決スルコ
 トガ出來ルノデアルガ。若シ蔣介石ニ私ノ條件ヲ受諾スル意志ガアレバ、
 私ハ戦争ヲ即時停止スルコトガ出來ル」ト。

(署名)

ジョゼフ・シー・グルー

ワシントン市

昭和二十二年（千九百四十七年）十月十五日

右宣誓署名ハ私儀、コロンビア區州公證人ノ面前ニオイテ昭和二十二年（千九百四十七年）十月十七日爲サレマシタ。

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マーサ・エイチ・ウイルヘルム

私ノ委任ハ千九百五十一年九月一日満期終了致シマス