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Tokyo, September 27, 1940

The German Ambassador.

No. G 1002.

Strictly confidential.

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter Jyo-ni Nr. 134 of this date and to confirm the oral declaration made by me concerning the former German colonies in the South Sea contained in Your Excellency's letter under reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the highest consideration.

signed: Ott.

*Letter from Ott to the German
Ambassador.*

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I, K. Hayashi hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief of the Archives Section of the Foreign Office, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 7 pages, dated Sept. 27, 1940, and described as follows: Three letters from German Ambassador OTT to the Imperial Japanese Foreign Minister, dated September 27, 1940, and numbered G1000, G1001, and G1002, respectively. I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Foreign Ministry.

Signed at Tokyo on this
24 day of August, 1946

/s/ K. Hayashi
Signature of Official
Official Capacity

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Witness: /s/ Nagabaru Odo

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I, Edward P. Monaghan, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
24th day of August, 1946

/s/ Edward P. Monaghan
NAME

Investigator, IPS
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ R. H. Larch