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Telegram No. 480

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Despatched in afternoon 3 May

From Ambassador OSHIMA

To Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

Ambassador's Code

A rumor that Foreign Minister MATSUOKA is planning to go to the U.S.A. was lately in circulation here and DOMEI, on 30 April, carried the talk of Spokesman ISHII of the Information Bureau to the effect that Germany and Italy should be asked whether they would object to the Foreign Minister's trip to the U.S. and that the U.S. is a neutral nation concerning the European War and is not in hostility with Germany and Italy. This gave the people such an impression that the said rumor is well-grounded. It is now common sense that the U.S.A. has become a completely hostile country against Germany and Italy by giving aids to Britain in such a way as regarded to be near her actual participation in war.

At this time when the German papers are severely attacking Britain as well as the U.S.A., the German Government has made no expression of her will outwardly on this rumor and the papers are keeping silence. It can be judged, however, that they evidently have great concern inwardly. I ask you, therefore, to inform me of the truth by return cable. (Same telegram sent to Italy).