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M. le Ministre,

Referring to your letter of 29 January, No. 22/T3, in which Your Excellency informed me that the Imperial Government would apply mutatis mutandis to American prisoners of war the Geneva Convention of 27 July 1929, on the treatment of prisoners of war, I have the honour to bring the following matter to Your Excellency's notice:

The Government of the United States of America has been informed that the Japanese Government had agreed as far the treatment to be accorded to British prisoners of war to take into consideration as to food, and clothing, the national and racial customs of the prisoners.

The Government of the United States of America has requested my Government to bring to the notice of the Japanese Government that it will be bound by the same principle for prisoners of war as for Japanese civil internees in conformity with Articles 11 and 12 of the Geneva Convention.

It expects in consequence that the Imperial Government will equally conform to the above-mentioned provisions of the treatment of American prisoners of war and civilian internees.

I shall be grateful to Your Excellency for keeping me informed of the views of your Government in this respect.

SWISS MINISTER

To H.E.M. Shigenori TOGO
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Tokyo

EXHIBIT A

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1469-F	Copy of letter dated 27 December 1941 from the Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister.
1469-E	Letter dated 20 January 1942 from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 11/T3).
1469-D	Letter dated 29 January 1942 from the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 22/T3).
1469-C	Copy of letter dated 20 February 1942 from the Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Japanese Foreign Minister (EE.7.1.-ce).
1469-B	Letter dated 13 February 1942 from Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 46/T3).
1469-A	Letter dated 2 March 1942 from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 71/T3).

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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Walter Bossi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Government of Switzerland in the following capacity: Swiss Diplomatic Representative, and as such official I have custody of the documents, consisting of six letters and notes, as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and described as follows: True copy of letters and notes in French from the Minister of Switzerland addressed to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the original replies thereto of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed to the Minister of Switzerland.

I further certify that the attached letters and notes are official records of the Swiss Legation in Japan and that they are a part of the official archives and files thereof.

Signed at Tokyo on this

5th day of December, 1946.

Witness: /s/ Max R. Ton

/s/ W. Bossi
Signature of Official

Swiss Diplomatic Representative
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Swiss Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this

5th day of December, 1946.

Witness: /s/ J. A. Curtis

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt. AUSMI
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Investigator IPS
Official Capacity