

Reflected

AFFIDAVIT

I, Joseph C. Grew, being first duly sworn, make oath and say that in a conversation with Mr. Koki Hirota, Prime Minister of Japan, on August 25, 1936, I asked Mr. Hirota if there were any observations which he would wish me to take back to the President and the Secretary of State. Mr. Hirota said that although he was no longer Foreign Minister he felt that the relations between Japan and the United States were proceeding smoothly. He said that so far as China was concerned, Japan would in no way interfere with American trade in that country and that he could specifically give me assurances to that effect.

As regards domestic affairs the Prime Minister asked me what I thought of the present situation. I told him that after the incident of February 26th I had told my Government that I thought the net result of the incident would be salutary and present conditions made me feel that I was right in this prognostication. Mr. Hirota said that this was perfectly true and that his whole effort at present was one of conciliation. There were naturally difficulties to be overcome, but he was happy to say that the civil government and the army and navy were working together in entire accord. The thing that bothered him most in the world at large in general and in China in particular was the spread of bolshevism and that in China Japan must make efforts to stem the tide of the communist menace.

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

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

供述書

私ジョセフ、O、グルーは先づ方式通り宣誓したる後次の通り供述します。一九三六年八月二十五日日本の首相廣田弘毅氏と會談の際、私は廣田氏に向つて大統領並に國務省に傳へて欲しいと思はれる御所見は無いかと尋ねた。廣田氏が言ふには自分には自分はもはや外務大臣ではなくなつたが、日米間の關係は圓滑に進行して居ると感じて居る。支那に關する限り日本は同國に於ける米國の通商に干渉する考は毛頭無い。此點に就いては特に保證しても宜しいとの事であつた。

國內事情に就いて首相は私に對し現在の情勢を如何に思ふかと尋ねた私は同氏に向つて二、二六事件後私は本國政府に同事件の齎す結果といふものは却つて爲になるものに違ひないと報告した事があつたが、現在の情勢は私の豫測が正しかつたと思はせるものがあると言つた。廣田氏はそれは全くその通りである、現在自分の全努力は全体の融和といふ點に注がれて居る。もとより多くの困難に打克たねばならぬが政府と陸海軍とが全く協調して居ると申上げられるのは幸である。廣く國の内外を通じて、殊に支那に於て自分の最も憂慮する處はボルシェヴィズムの傳播である。日本は支那に於て共產主義の脅威の風潮を抑止するに

認めねばならぬと言つた。

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一九四七年十月十五日ワシントンD、C、に於て

右は余の面前に於て宣誓陳述せられたり

一九四七年十月十七日

コロンビア區公證人

(捺印)

(署名)

マルタ、H、ウイールヘルム

(受任期限一九五一年九月一日)