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No. 229 of February 17.

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For the Reichs Minister personally

To telegram No. 59 of 15th yellow

Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, to whom I forwarded approval from there to his planned trip, asked me to express to the Reichs Foreign Minister his sincerest thanks for the report which had pleased him very much. He repeated that the time of the departure would depend on the progress of the Thailand-Indo-China negotiations, but would in any case take place at the end of this month. Negotiations proceeded not without difficulties on account of the excessive demands of Thailand. The Japanese Government is at present working on a proposal of a compromise which through me will be placed at the disposal of the Reichsminister in the next few days with the request to influence the Vichy regime in the direction of acceptance of the proposal through mediation of the Reich Government.

Draft of the press communique about MATSUOKA's trip will follow separately.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, W. P. Cumming, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. That I am an Attache of the United States Department of State on the Staff of the United States Political Adviser on German Affairs, and as such I am a representative of the Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.). That in my capacity as above set forth, I have in my possession, custody, and control at the Berlin Documents Center, Berlin, Germany, the original captured German Foreign Office files and archives.

2. That said original Foreign Office files and archives were captured and obtained by military forces under the command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and upon their seizure and capture were first assembled by said military forces at a Military Document Center at Marburg, Germany, and were later moved by authorized personnel of said Allied forces to said central documents center, above referred to, and known as the Berlin Documents Center.

3. That I was assigned to said document center at Marburg, Germany, on August 15, 1945; and said captured German Foreign Office files and archives first came into my possession and control while I was stationed at Marburg, Germany, and that thereafter the same have continued in my possession and custody and under my control.

4. That the document to which this affidavit is attached is a true and correct photostatic copy of an original German Foreign Office document which was captured from said Germany Foreign Office files and archives, and which came into my possession and custody and under my control in the manner above set forth.

5. That said original document, of which the attached is a photostatic copy, is being held and retained by me in order that it may be examined and inspected by various interested agencies, and a photostatic copy of said original is hereby furnished and certified to because of the unavailability of said original for the reasons above set forth.

s/ W. P. Cumming
W. P. CUMMING

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 1946.

s/ G. H. Garde
G. H. GARDE
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Acting Adjutant General

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GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)