

(CHINA to)

necessary

~~assurance~~ ~~for~~ ~~fulfillment~~

her function as ~~it is~~ a partner in the

establishment of the New Order. ~~It is~~ It is

a matter of course that JAPAN ~~will~~ will respect the

(of CHINA)

~~China~~ sovereignty. Japan further volunteers
extra-territoriality and to give active
to abandon ~~territoriality~~ territoriality

consideration to restitution of the concession, which
~~detachment of Chinese~~ ~~and also~~

are necessary in order to complete the independence
~~to think of~~ ~~making~~ ~~of~~

of CHINA.

JAPAN ~~in~~ CHINA.

~~JAPAN~~

~~Minutes of the Third~~ Council
in the Imperial Presence

copied by the Board of Chamberlains
19 September 1940 (Thursday)
~~Sept. 19, Friday, 1940~~

90 A few days ago INADA, Chief of the General
affairs section of the Cabinet, informed ^(us) that ~~the~~ steps
would be taken to request the holding of a council
~~request for the opening of the conference~~ in the Imperial
presence in a few days.

at the first ~~meeting~~ it was ~~imposed~~ unofficially
set for ~~Sept. 16~~ ^{they was changed to the 17th}
~~Sept. 16~~ Sept. 16

~~Sept. 17~~ and then ^{this} morning, ~~the~~ ^{us that}
~~the~~ 19th, ^(he INADA) ~~unofficially informed~~ ^{that}
~~the~~ ^(it had been)

~~the~~ ^(decided) to request the conference
^{for} ~~at~~ 3 p.m. today. These frequent
postponements are, it seems, ^{required for} ~~the~~

preparation of the measures

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~~arrangement of the subject~~

(for the holding of this council in

the Imperial presence) The cabinet proposed that the request

be made through the Grand Chamberlain as

(informed)

(of it

Premier KONOYE had already ~~made~~ the Emperor

~~presence at the opening of this conference~~

on the occasion of the submission of his report

At 11.30 a.m. Grand Chamberlain HYAKUTAKE

(received) was ~~present~~ in audience and ~~he~~ reported this to

the Emperor. There took place some negotiations after

his report.

From 1:05 ~~until~~ 1:12 p.m. the Lord

Keeper of the Privy Seal was ~~present~~ ^{received} in

audience and ~~he~~ ^(requested that) ~~be granted an~~

Foreign Minister MATSUOKA

interview with the Emperor. The request for
opening of the ~~Meeting~~^{council} in the Imperial presence
was ~~approved~~^{approved} at 1:18 p.m. Foreign Minister
MATSUOKA met the Emperor from 1:50 to 2:40 p.m.
and submitted his report.

The ~~Meeting~~^{Council} in the Imperial Presence
(in the Imperial Study
held at ~~the Imperial Study~~) from 3:07 to 6:05 p.m.
The ~~seating order and agenda~~^{seating order and agenda} for the ~~meeting~~^{Council}
are as ~~per~~^(per) the attached paper.
Those ~~present~~^{present} are:

Prince KAN-IN, Chief of the Army General Staff,
Prince FUSHIMI, Chief of the Navy General Staff,
Prime Minister KONOYE, War Minister TOJO,
Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, Finance Minister

~~KAWADA~~, Navy Minister ~~OLKAWA~~, President
of the Cabinet Planning Board ~~HOUSHINO~~
(Ministers without portfolio).

Those ~~who were~~ admitted ^{Specials on Imperial} ~~to~~
order:
~~The Emperor's presence in the~~

President of the Privy Council ~~HARA~~,

Deputy Chief of the Army General Staff ~~SAWADA~~,

Deputy Chief of the Navy General Staff ~~KONDO~~.

announcement of ~~the~~ ^{Council} ~~for~~ this ~~meeting~~ in the Imperial
per

presence is as ~~per~~ the attached paper.

By Secretary ~~OGURA~~

~~and by order of the Emperor's presence in the Imperial presence~~

Agenda

Council

~~for~~ for the this ~~meeting~~ in the Imperial Presence

1. The Emperor's entrance

2. ^(he will be in) The Prime Minister declares ~~that~~ (charge of the
 today's Council
 conduct of ~~the~~ ~~meeting~~ by virtue
 of His Majesty's permission, ~~who~~ explains the
 purposes of this conference, and states that
 the Foreign Minister ^{will} ~~will~~ explain the subject
~~and~~ for discussion.

3. The Foreign Minister explains the subject ^{for discussion.} ~~and~~

4. The Prime Minister asks if there are any
 persons ^{desirous of asking questions.} ~~desirous of asking questions.~~

5. Questions and answers ^{in accordance with the} ~~in accordance with the~~
~~subject~~ ¹ ~~subject~~
~~mentioned~~ above.

6. The Chief of the Army General Staff expresses
 his opinions

7. The Chief of the Navy General Staff expresses

his opinion.

8. The ~~President~~ ^(President) of the Privy Council ~~expresses~~ expresses his opinion.

9. The Prime Minister declares that the ~~proposal~~ ^{draft} ~~proposal~~ ^{proposal} approved, ~~has been made of the draft~~.

10. The Prime Minister ~~informs~~ ^{informs} the Emperor that the Council is finished. ~~A of the conference~~

11. The Emperor's ~~order~~ withdrawal. The participants affix their signatures;

12. ~~The conference~~ ~~then~~ ^{take steps} ~~to submit~~ it to submit to the Emperor. ~~is~~

The Emperor



H.I.H. (The)

H.I.H. (The)

Chief of the Army General Staff

Chief of the Navy General Staff

Prime Minister

President of the Privy Council

War Minister

Foreign Minister

Finance Minister

Navy Minister

President of the Cabinet Planning Board

Deputy Chief of the Navy General Staff

Deputy Chief of the Army General Staff

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Draft of the ~~proposal~~

at 3 p.m. ^(on) Sept. 19th the ~~proposal~~ ^{Council} in the

Imperial presence was held in the Imperial

Palace. Those present included ~~the~~ the Chief of the

Army General Staff; the Chief of the Naval

General Staff; the Prime Minister; the

Ministers of State for the Army, the Navy,

~~the~~ President of the Cabinet Planning Board; President

of the Privy Council; ~~the~~ Deputy Chief of the Army

General Staff; and the Deputy Chief of the Navy

General Staff. ^(after careful deliberation on) ~~the~~ (important state affairs)

the draft proposal was approved and ~~was~~ ~~considered~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Council~~

~~as~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~original~~ ~~draft~~ ~~the~~ ~~Council~~

was closed at 6 p.m.

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~~by Tenenori HARA~~ 137

~~4th Imperial Conference~~
~~the Records of the 44th Council in the presence of~~
~~4th Council in the Imperial presence~~
~~the Emperor.~~

Copy Records of
~~Copied by~~ the Board of Chamberlains.

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submitted from the Cabinet that in the
 coming council, in view of its nature,
 the secretary-general ^{of the} CHINA AFFAIRS BOARD
~~the Chief of the Kōain (the East Asiatic~~
~~Bureau),~~ ^{of the Political Affairs} the Chief Secretary of the
 Cabinet, the ^{Chief of the Political Affairs} General Secretariate
 section of the CHINA AFFAIRS BOARD
~~Section of the Kōain,~~ the Chief of
 the 1st Section ~~(4-1)~~ of the Naval
 General Staff,
~~Operation,~~ the Chiefs of the Military
 Affairs Sections ^{and the NAVAL AFFAIRS} ~~of the War and~~
 section,
~~Navy Ministries,~~ and the Chief of
~~the 1st Section (4-1)~~ ^{of the Headquarters of the General Staff} were desired to
 be included, besides those ordinary
 attending ^{members} of the council.

This matter was referred to

Grand Chamberlain HYAKUTAKE, Vice-
 Chamberlain HIROHATA, and Keeper of
 the Privy Seal KIDO, after ~~being~~
^{stating} ~~stated~~ of the precedence of the
 council in the presence of the
 Emperor ~~in~~ ^{during} the Meiji era; and their
 opinions were: as follows:

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(1) The grand chamberlain.

"It cannot be helped as ~~long~~ ^{long} as the Cabinet requests ~~the~~ ^{their}
~~attendance~~ ^{attendance}
~~to be present~~ ^{as necessary} personnel,"
 "It cannot be helped."

(2) The vice-chamberlain.

"In view of the nature of the
 council in the ^{Imperial} presence, ~~of the~~

~~Emperor~~, it is a question whether it is wise to broaden the limit of the attending personnel. How about ~~ask~~ asking ~~the~~ ~~them~~ for ~~a~~ reconsideration ~~at~~ by the Cabinet?"

(3) The keeper of the Privy Seal.

"If the Cabinet insists, we cannot very well refuse it. But if the council of the ~~Imperial Headquarters~~ ~~Imperial Headquarters~~ is essentially a liaison conference, how about ~~taking~~ taking a ~~step~~ ^{formality} for the Emperor's presence to ~~that effect~~ ^{the liaison conference}?"

Thereupon, based on the opinion of the Keeper of the Privy Seal, it was suggested to the ~~parliamentary manager~~ ^{Chief of General Affairs, Cabinet}

to ask for the Emperor's presence to a
liaison conference of the ^{Imperial Headquarters.} ~~Daihonet.~~

The answer was that the Cabinet con-
sidered the suggestion sound and that
it would consult the matter with the
Prime Minister.

17.95 / 1. The ^{Chief of General Affairs, CABINET} ~~parliamentary manager~~ ~~reported~~ ~~discussed~~
~~again, stating that the matter was~~
~~referred to~~ ^{it thoroughly with} the Prime Minister, but there
in the Cabinet,
is, as shown in the attached papers,
a Cabinet decision, ~~concerning~~ ~~the~~
" ^{concerning the liaison} matters of ~~connection~~ between the
Imperial Headquarters ^{Daihonet} and the Government " ~~and~~ ^{which}
stating ~~states:~~ " to submit to the Throne relative
" To Request ^{HIS MAJESTY} ~~to the Throne~~ for a Council before the
Throne concerning matters of particular urgency

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~~to a matter of special urgency.~~ Further,
those called by ~~the~~ special grace of the Emperor
~~besides the members of the Cabinet and~~
~~in case of necessity,~~ aside from Cabinet members and
both Chiefs of the Army and Navy General
Staffs, ~~if necessary those who were~~
~~summoned by the Emperor's command are~~
~~to be present,~~ according to that decision.

Therefore, although the council, in reality,
would be the same as a liaison conference
of the ^{Imperial Headquarters} Daijinhō in the presence of the
Emperor, it is ^{to be} ~~to be~~ called merely a
council in the presence of the Emperor.

In the past, there were held three of
these councils; ^{based on the above} and therefore, the ~~Parlia-~~
~~mentary manager~~ ^{he} concluded, it is the

desire of the Cabinet that the council
 in the name of the Council
 be held in the presence of the Emperor,
 and that aforesaid persons be
 permitted to be present.

(It appears that the matter has been
 already referred to the Keeper of the
 Privy Seal ^{for his consent} from the Chief Secretary of
 the Cabinet and the Prime Minister.)

As a result of ~~request~~ ^{request} for opinions from
~~After being consulted~~ with the Keeper
 of the Privy Seal, the vice-chamberlain,
 and the grand chamberlain, ^{it was submitted} ~~the reply~~
~~for the whole matter was again submitted~~

to the Cabinet that the council in the
^{Imperial} presence ^{based on the above Cabinet decision} ~~of the Emperor~~ during this

~~emergency period based upon the decision~~

of the ~~Cabinet~~ ^{Incident is,} ~~though the wording is~~

→ the same ^{in letter, but not in idea, being different in} ~~can not be construed in~~
character from ^{substance as the same as}

~~substance as the same as~~ the ones held
during the Meiji era, ^{And the so-called} ~~and that the coun-~~

cil in the ^{Imperial} presence of the ~~Emperor~~ ^{should} on

principle ~~should~~ ^{be constituted by} ~~be consist~~ ^{those}

responsible ~~for the~~ ^{advice} ~~to~~ ^{to}
persons of responsibility ~~for~~ the Emperor

~~and~~ The Cabinet recognized this principle.

Thus, an agreement was reached, ~~with~~

~~the Cabinet~~ ^{In the Imperial presence} that the council ^{to be held}

this time is different from the ones

held during the Meiji era.

1. The ~~4th~~^{4th} Council in the ^{Imperial} presence ~~of~~
~~the Emperor~~^{is} is to be held at 2:00 p.m.
on November 13, 1940, in the ~~chamber~~
east ^{chamber} No. 1 in the Imperial court.

It was submitted to the Throne ^{on Nov. 9th} and
sanctioned ^{on Nov. 9th}. The attending persons

will be as follows:

THOSE ATTENDING:
H.I.H. Prince HIROYASU, ~~the~~ Chief of the Naval
General Staff.

Prince Fumimaro, ~~Prime~~
~~Fumimaro~~ KONOE, ~~the~~ Prime Minister,

Prince Hideki,
Eiichi TOJO, ~~the~~ War Minister,

P. 77 Yosuke MATSUOKA, ^{Yosuke} ~~the~~ Minister of
Foreign Affairs.

Ritsur KAWADA, ^{Isao} ~~the~~ Finance Minister,

OIKAWA, Koshiro

~~Koshiro~~ ~~YOBIKAWA~~, the Minister

of the Navy

~~Naoaki~~ HOSHINO, ^{Naoaki} the President

of the Planning Board.

~~Gen.~~ SUGIYAMA, ^{Gen.} the Chief of

the General Staff.

Besides the above persons, those who

will be summoned ^(special grace of) by the Emperor

~~Command are:~~ as follows:

~~Yoshimichi~~ HARA, ^{Yoshimichi} the President

of the Privy Council.

~~Heisuke~~ YANAGAWA, ^{Heisuke, Secretary-} a ~~the~~ General

~~Secretariat~~ of the ~~Kaishin~~
CHINA AFFAIRS BOARD.

^(Nobutake)
~~Nobutake~~ KONDO, ^{Vice-Chief} ~~the Assistant~~

~~Chief~~ of the Naval General Staff.

^(Shigeru)
~~Shigeru~~ SAWADA, ^{Vice-} ~~the Assistant~~

Chief of the Army General Staff.

^{Kenji}
~~Kenji~~ TOMITA, ~~the~~ Chief Secre-

~~tary~~ of the Cabinet.

^(Teiichi)
~~Teiichi~~ SUZUKI, ^{the} Chief of

^(Affairs)
the Political Section of the China Affairs Board.
Kodin.

^(Matsumoto?)
~~Matome~~ UGAKI, ^{the} Chief ~~of~~ the

1st Section (G-1?) of the Naval General Staff.

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~~Akira~~ MUTO, ^(Akira) the Chief of the

~~Bureau~~ of the Military

~~Affairs~~ ^(Bureau) of the War Ministry

Shinichi TANAKA, ^(Shinichi) the Chief of

the 1st Section (G-12) of

the Headquarters of the General

Staff.

~~Kiichiro~~ OKA, ^(Takazumi) the Chief of the

~~Bureau~~ of the Naval Affairs ^(Bureau)

of the Ministry of the Navy.

1. The 44th Council in the ^{Imperial} presence of

~~the Emperor~~, is planned previously,

was held at the ^{East} Chamber ^(East) No. 1 of the

Imperial Court at 2:05 p.m. on

November 13, 1940; and ~~it~~ ended at 4:15 p.m. on the same day. The arrangement of the seating were as indicated in the attached ^{sheet} ~~paper~~, that is, six were seated ~~in~~ ^{at} the separate table, and, upon the request of the Cabinet, the Chief Secretaries ~~of~~ of the Cabinet and both Chiefs of the Naval and Military Affairs Bureaus were seated ~~at~~ ^{at} the same table, and all others were arranged in accordance with their respective seating orders in the Imperial court.

The council is considered to

have been conducted in order of the
attached program.

(Written by Secretary OGURA)

~~Kyogo~~

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Co-operation
Re: ~~the~~ between
Imperial ^{General} Headquarters
and the Government

Nov. 19, 1937

Cabinet Meeting
It is desirable that co-operation
~~the~~ between

^{General} Imperial Headquarters and the
Government ~~be~~ be carried out
as follows:

In view of the ~~the~~ ^{extreme} extreme
importance of the unity of politics
and strategy for disposition of the
Incident, some specific measures

(Co-operation

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for inducing close ~~co-operation~~ ~~(of)~~

between ~~the~~ Imperial ^{General} Headquarters

and the Government should be

taken. Of course, Ministers of

the Army and the Navy are ~~2~~

responsible,

~~they~~ ~~of~~ ~~it~~, but, with regard to

~~the~~ important problems that are

related to both politics and strate-

~~gy~~, a conference ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~

~~by~~ ministers concerned

and ^{leaders} ~~members~~ of the Supreme Command

should ^(whenever necessary) be held ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~Imperial~~

a Council in the Imperial presence should be

~~the~~ ~~especially~~ ~~grave~~ ~~matters~~ are

requested for particularly urgent and grave matters,

~~Imperial~~ ~~conferences~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~re-~~
~~quested~~.

9 The ~~Conference~~ ^(former) should include the ~~members of the~~ ^{war} ~~Prime Minister~~ ^{Minister}, Navy Minister, ~~and~~ other necessary Ministers, Chief of the Army General Staff and Chief of the Naval General Staff. If necessary, ~~and~~ ^{temporarily} necessary persons may be added.

~~A~~ ~~sub~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~added~~ ~~temporarily~~.

10 ~~At~~ ^{At} the latter, the Council in the ~~Imperial~~ ^{presence} ~~of~~ ^{above} the Ministers, ~~and~~ ^{the} Chief of the ~~Army~~ ^{Army} General Staff, ~~the~~ ^{the} Chief of the ~~Naval~~ ^{Naval} General Staff, and others invited by order of the Emperor, ~~when necessary,~~ ~~the necessity~~ ^{when necessary,} shall attend. ~~The~~ ^{The} request for

Council may ~~be~~ be made by ~~the~~
 the Prime Minister or by the Chiefs of the General
 Staffs after consultation between
 the Government ~~and~~ and
 Imperial ^{General} Headquarters.

The business concerning the
 former conference on the ^{Council in} ~~the~~
 the Imperial ~~presence~~ etc. will be handled
 by the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet
 and Chiefs of the Army and Navy
 Military Affairs Bureaus, ⁱⁿ ~~with~~
 close ^{co-operation} ~~co-operation~~ among them

注 意

- 一、如何ナル場合ニモ法廷内ニ於テ喫煙スベカラズ。
- 二、法廷ニ於テ寫眞機ヲ使用スベカラズ。但シ特ニ許可ヲ受ケタル寫眞技師ハ此ノ限ニ非ズ。
- 三、傍聽人ハ休憩中ト雖モ傍聽席ヲ立去リタルトキモ再ビ法廷内ニ入ルコトヲ得ズ。
- 四、午前開廷ノ公判傍聽人ハ午前九時十五分迄ニ着席スベシ。午後開廷ノ公判傍聽人ハ午後一時十五分迄ニ着席スベシ。
- 五、傍聽許可證ハ憲兵ヨリ要求アリタルトキ之ニ交付スベシ。
- 六、各傍聽人ニ對シ一式ノ受話器ガ備ヘラレアリ。自席ニ備ヘラレタルモノ以外ニ使用スルコトヲ得ズ。音響器ニ手ヲ觸ルルベカラズ。
- 七、裁判長以下各裁判官ガ法廷内ニ入ルトキハ起立シ靜肅ヲ保ツベシ。
- 八、裁判長以下各裁判官ガ退廷シタル後全員ハ被告人ガ法廷ヲ立去ル迄ハ着席シ居ルベシ。

極東國際軍事裁判所法廷席圖解

(中央窪地ヨリ一般傍聽席ニ向ヒ順次ニ)

裁判官

被告人

前列

後列

(比島)

ハルニョ

一 土肥原

一 橋本

(新西蘭) ノースクロフト

二 畑

二 小磯

(佛)

ベルナール

三 廣田

三 永野

(ソ聯)

ザリヤノフ

四 南

四 大島

(中國)

梅

一 東條

五 松井

(濠)

ウエツプ

二 岡

一 平沼

(米)

ヒギンズ

三 梅津

二 東郷

(英)

バトリック

四 荒木

三 重光

(加拿大)

マクドウガル

五 武藤

(和)

ローリング

一 星野

一 佐藤

(印)

ホール

二 賀屋

二 嶋田

三 木戸

三 白鳥

四 水村

四 鈴木

五 坂垣

五 坂垣

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Agenda of the Fourth Council in The
~~Presence of the Emperor~~
Imperial Presence.

1. ~~presence of~~ The Emperor's entrance.
2. The Prime Minister announces he will be in charge of the ^{(conduct of} ~~the~~ Council by virtue of His Majesty's to-day's ~~conference with~~ ^{permission} ~~of the Emperor~~ and explains ^(reason for submitting the) the ~~project of~~ ^{(bill concerning} the conclusion of the treaty.
3. The Foreign Minister ^{describes} ~~the~~ process for the conclusion of the treaty and explains it article by article.
4. Questions and Answers ^{(relating} ~~concerning~~ ^{to} the above.

5. ^{The} Chief of the Naval General Staff ~~the~~
 expresses the opinion of the
 Supreme Command about the
 treaty and explains the ^(reason for) ~~the~~
 submitting ~~of~~ this bill of fundamental
 principles for ^(disposition) ~~the~~ of the
 CHINA Incident.

6. The Chief of the ^{Army} General Staff
 explains the ^{submission of} ~~the~~ the
~~of~~ ^{this} bill of funda-
 mental principles for ^(disposition) ~~the~~
 CHINA Incident.

7. Question and answers.

8. The Prime minister announces ^{that} ~~the~~

The draft proposal has been approved.

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~~A understands with the draft carried out~~

9. The Prime Minister informs the Emperor that the Council is finished.

10. ~~Signature~~ of the Emperor's with signatures are affixed to the proceedings;

11. ~~the document is submitted to the Emperor by the Cabinet, submitted to the Emperor by the Cabinet~~

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Chief of the Naval General Staff	Prime Minister
President of the Privy Council	Way Minister
Foreign Minister	Finance Minister
Navy Minister	President of the Cabinet
Chief of the Army General Staff	Planning Board
Vice-chief of the Naval General Staff	Chief of the General Affairs Bureau
	CHINA AFFAIRS BOARD
	Vice-chief of the Army General Staff

Chief of Political Affairs Department, CHINA Affairs Board	Chief Secretary of the Cabinet
Chief of the 1st Dept, Naval General Staff	Chief of the Army Military Affairs Bureau
Chief of 1st Dept, Army General Staff Headquarters	Chief of the Naval Military Affairs Bureau

13 November 1940

~~The Imperial Conference~~
Council in the Imperial Presence - 2:00 P.M.

Council Room

~~11:00~~ East No. 1 Robber

Lounge for those in attendance

East No. 2 Robber

Lounge for the suites of those in attendance - SASHD Room

Lounge for the Emperor's suite

No. 2 Dressing Hall

~~(press)~~ Announcement Draft of
 Statement of the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet
(Council in the)
 The Imperial presence was held

at 2:00 p.m. to-day in the Imperial palace.

His Highness ~~was~~ the Chief of the
 Naval General Staff, ~~the~~ Chief
(Army) of the General Staff, Prime Minister,
 Finance Minister, (War) Minister,
 Navy Minister, President of the Cabinet

Planning Board HOSHINO, and others
 attended. ~~was~~ After careful consultation
~~the~~ deliberate

~~consultation~~ on problems
CHINA
 concerning the ~~Japanese~~ Incident,
full accord ~~agreement~~ was reached.

The Council was closed at.....

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The Fifth Imperial Conference
July 2nd 1941 (Thursday)

Extracted from the Board of
Chamberlains' Record.

On July 1st 1941 at 4.15 - 5.35 p.m.
Prime Minister KONOE was received
in audience by His Majesty The
Emperor and presented an address
to the Throne, to the effect that
there would be an Imperial ^{Council} Conference
the next day at 10. A.M. to which
the Emperor had granted Imperial
Sanction.

On the following day at 10.05 A.M.
an Imperial ^{Council} Conference was held
in Room No 1 (East) in the presence
of the Emperor and lasted till
12 P.M. In this conference an
important State policy was
determined ^{in connection} with the outbreak
of the Russo-German war.

Those who attended the ^{council} ~~conference~~ and ^{order of sitting} ~~their seats~~

(In providing their seats, precedence at the Court was not observed according to the wishes of the Cabinet) as well as the Government's announcement are shown in the separate sheets. ^{Moreover Muto} ~~Chief of the~~ ^(MUTO) who was one of the secretaries and Chief Bureau of Military Affairs MUTO, one of the Secretary of the Bureau of Military Affairs) ~~was absent owing to his illness.~~ Concluded.

Recorded by Commissioner OGURA.

at Council
Attendants to the Imperial conference:

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Prime Minister Prince FUMIMARO KONOE

President of the Privy Council

YOSHIMICHI HARA

Home Minister Baron KIICHIRO HIRANUMA

Army Minister HIDEKI TOJYO

Foreign Minister YOSUKE MATSUOKA

Finance Minister RETSU KAWADA

Navy
~~Naval~~ Minister KOSHIRO OIKAWA

State Minister TEIICHI SUZUKI

Chief of the Naval General Staff

OSAMI NAGANO

Chief of the General Staff HAJIME SUGIYAMA

Assistant Chief of the General Staff

OSAMU TSUKADA

assistant Chief of the Naval General Staff

YOSHITAKE KONDO

^{the Cabinet}
Chief of Secretary

KENJI TOMITA

(absent) Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs

AKIRA MUTO

Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs

TAKAZUMI OKA

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T.N. Entrance
presumably for
the sole use of the
Emperor

The Emperor

Entrance
~~T.N. Entrance~~ presu-
mably for the
~~sole use of the Emperor~~

President of the Privy Council		Prime Minister
Home Minister		Foreign Minister
Army Minister		Finance Minister
Naval Minister		State Minister SUZUKI
Chief of the ^{naval} General Staff		Chief of the General Staff
Assistant Chief of the Naval General Staff		Assistant Chief of the General Staff
		Chief of the Cabinet Secretary
		Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs

The Government's Announcement

1.30 P.M. 2nd July

To-day's ^{council has} ~~the~~ Imperial conference taken place to-day, in which Japan's important national policy to cope with the current situations was ~~determined~~ ^{decided}.

Reference:

Simultaneously with the above-mentioned announcement of the Government, the following statement was made by the Secretary of the Chief of the Cabinet Secretary.

To-day's Imperial ^{council} conference was held at the Imperial Palace, ~~opened~~ at 10 A.M. at the Imperial Palace, and ~~it~~ was attended by the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Home Minister, Finance Minister, Army Minister, ^{Navy} ~~Naval~~ Minister, President of

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the Panning Board, President of the Privy Council,

Chief of the General Staff, Chief of the Naval General

Staff and Assistant Chief of the Naval General

Staff. } council came to an end
The conference broke up at noon.

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Re Opening of the 6th Imperial ~~Conference~~ **Council.**

On September 5, 1941 ^(a little after) ~~past~~ 4 p.m. Prime Minister KONOYE proceeded to the Imperial Palace, ^{He} was received in audience by His Majesty and reported to the Throne. (4.20 — 5.15) ^{He} It is supposed that

~~he must~~ have made a ^{private} ~~secret~~ representation to the Emperor ^{on the} ~~about~~ opening of the 6th Imperial ~~Conference~~ **Council.** ^{The Imperial sanction} It was not granted ^{at once.} ~~instantly.~~

Between 5.20 and 5.30 o'clock p.m. Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal KIDO was received in audience by His Majesty and ^{through him the} ~~His Majesty summoned~~ Chief of the General Staff and ^{the} Chief of the Naval General Staff ^{were summoned to the Court.} ~~through Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal.~~

Between 6.05 and 6.50 o'clock p.m. ^{all three of them the} ~~the three persons i.e. Premier~~ and both ^{chieves of staff} ~~chieves~~ were ~~commanded to be~~ received ^{at together} in audience by the Emperor ⁱⁿ ~~in a body~~ ^{with regard} ~~at~~ the Imperial study. An informal permission was granted ^{concerning} to opening of the said Imperial **Council** ~~Conference.~~

At 6.55 o'clock a formal document was submitted to the Throne and Imperial sanction was obtained.

On the following day, September 6th at 10 a.m., the 6th Imperial **Council**

⁽⁵⁾ ~~Conference~~ was held ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ the room East No. 1. It was ^{honored} ~~honored~~ ^{The Council came to} ~~with~~ the presence of the Emperor, ~~and ended at 55 minutes past~~ ~~a.m.~~ the end at 11.55 A.M.

The attendants and the order of ~~seats~~ ^{sitting} were as per ~~annex~~ accompanying sheet.

The ~~order of seats~~ ^{sitting order} was not ~~always~~ ^{necessarily} in accordance with the ~~order of~~ ^{court} precedence ~~at court~~, but with the proposal of the cabinet ~~for the sake of the~~ ^{it was arranged for the} convenience of the ~~Conference~~ ^{Council}. An

Imperial permission was obtained beforehand ~~concerning~~ ^{with regard} to the both the order of ~~seats~~ ^{sitting as} and to the matter ~~that~~ ^{of} the Premier ~~would be~~ ^{taking} charged with ~~expediting~~ ^{of} the proceedings of the Imperial Conference for the ~~convenience~~ ^{of} sake of expediting it.

September 6 1941. (Saturday)

Names of the attendance ~~of~~ ^{at} the Imperial ~~Conference~~ ^{Council} / ~~in order of~~ ^{The Court} precedence ~~for sitting order~~ / ~~the precedence at court~~

Prime Minister KONOYE

President of the Privy Council HARA

Home Minister TANABE

War Minister TŌJŌ

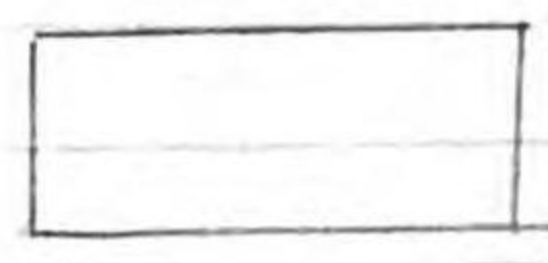
^{vy} ~~Navy~~ Minister OIKAWA

Finance Minister OGURA

Foreign Minister TOYODA

State Minister SUZUKI
~~The~~ ^{of the General (NAVAL)}
~~Navy~~ Chief of Staff NAGANO
~~The~~ ^(the general)
~~Army~~ Chief of Staff SUGIYAMA
~~The~~ ^{Assistant the general}
~~Army~~ Vice Chief of Staff TSUKADA
~~The~~ ^{Assistant the Naval general}
~~Navy~~ Vice Chief of Staff ITO

~~The~~ ^{the} Chief Secretary of a Cabinet TOMITA
~~The~~ ^{the} Chief of Military Affairs Bureau MUTO
~~The~~ ^{the} Chief of Naval Affairs Bureau OKA



President of the Privy Council			Prime Minister
War Minister			Home Minister
Navy Minister			Finance Minister
Foreign Minister			State Minister and ^{concurrently the} President of General Planning Board
Navy Chief of Staff			^(the general) Army Chief of Staff
Navy ^{Assistant} Vice Chief of Staff	The ^{the} Naval general		^{assistant the general} Army Vice Chief of Staff

^{the} Chief Secretary of a Cabinet
~~the~~ Chief of Military Affairs Bureau
~~the~~ Chief of Naval Affairs Bureau

November 5 (Wednesday), 1941

Council in the Imperial Presence

(The seventh session since the outbreak of the present Incident)

1. Council Hall East NO. 1 Room

1. Imperial Presence

10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

1:35 p.m. — 3:08 p.m.

1. Attendance

Prime Minister TOJO

President of the Privy Council HARA

Foreign Minister TOGO

Finance Minister KATA

Navy Minister SHIMADA

- State Minister without Portfolio SUZUKI
- Chief of ^{the Army} General Staff SUGITAMA
- Chief of the naval General Staff NAGANO
- Vice-chief of the ^{Army} General Staff TSUKADA
- Vice-chief of the Naval General Staff ITO
- Chief Secretary to the Cabinet HOSHINO
- Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau ^{of the War Ministry} MUTO
- Chief of the Naval Affairs Bureau ^{of the Navy Ministry} SEKI

The Seventh Session of the Council in the Imperial Presence

December 1 (Monday), 1941.

The Emperor ^{made his appearance at} ~~attended the council from~~ ^{retired to} ~~2 p.m. and entered into the inner place~~ ^{chamber} at 3:45 p.m.

Place: East NO. 1 Room.

Names of ^{those who attended} ~~Attendance~~ and the assignment of ~~the~~ seats are ^{as} shown in the separate ^{sheet} paper.

Attendance: No special order ^{was} observed.

- Prime Minister with ~~the~~ concurrent posts of Home ~~affairs~~ minister and War Minister. TOJO, Hideki.
- President of the Privy Council. HARA, Yoshimichi.
- Foreign Minister and concurrently Minister of Oversea Affairs. TOGO, Shigenori.
- Finance Minister. KATA, Okinoku.
- Navy Minister. SHIMADA, Shigetaro.
- Education Minister. HASHIDA, Kunihiko.
- Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. INO, Sekiya.
- Minister of Commerce and Industry. KISHI, Shinsuke.
- Welfare Minister. KOIZUMI, Chikahiko.
- Minister of Justice. IWAMURA, Michiyo.
- Communications Minister and concurrently with Railway Minister. TERAJIMA, Ken.

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State
1 ~~Minister without Portfolio~~ ^{and} ~~concurrently~~ ¹⁷⁴

~~with the~~ President of the Planning Board.

SUZUKI, Teichiro

^{The Army}
Chief of ~~the~~ General Staff

SUGIYAMA, Hajime

^{The Army}
Vice-chief of ~~the~~ General Staff

TANABE, Moritake

^{The Navy}
Chief of ~~the~~ Naval General Staff

NAGANO, Osami

Vice-chief of ~~the~~ Naval General Staff

ITO, Seiichi

Chief Secretary to the Cabinet

HOSHINO, Naoki

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Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau of the

War Ministry

MOTO, Akira

Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs
of the Navy Ministry

OKA, Keijun

Emperor

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President of the Privy Council

Chief of ~~the~~ naval General Staff

Chief of ~~the~~ General Staff

Welfare Minister

Navy Minister

Communications Minister and concurrently Railway Minister.

Minister of Commerce and Industry

Vice-chief of the General Staff

Vice-chief of the naval General Staff

○ Prime Minister with the concurrent posts of Home Minister and War Minister.

○ Education Minister
State
○ Minister without Post-
of Finance and concurrently President of the Planning Board, SUZUKI

○ Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

○ Minister of Justice

○ Foreign Minister and concurrently Overseas Affairs Minister

○ Finance Minister

○ Chief Secretary to the Cabinet

○ Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry

○ Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs of the Navy Ministry

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This file contains the records of eight Imperial Conferences held between January 1938 and December 1941. The dates of these conferences are as follows:-

1 st	—	11	January, 1938
2 nd	—	30	November, 1938
3 rd	—	19	September, 1940
4 th	—	5	November, 1940
5 th	—	1	July, 1941
6 th	—	6	September, 1941
7 th	—	5	November, 1941
8 th	—	1	December, 1941.

In each of these records the ordinary procedure of any meeting, such as dates, place, attendance, the order of the meeting, times of adjournment etc. In the first and second conferences, the names of the agenda are given in detail, but not in ~~the~~ ^{records of} the record. In other words there is no mention of specific name of the agenda ~~in~~ in this record. These records are actually the copy from the records kept at the Board of Chamberlain because it is mentioned thus at the side of each record.

As stated in IPS Investigator R.H. LARSEN's note dated 31 July, 1947, these records cannot be considered as official or minutes of the meetings as these are the copies from the Records of Board of Chamberlain and still more it contains even paper clippings etc. It is considered possible that

there is a more detailed records of the Imperial Conference somewhere in the Imperial Household Ministry.

The names of agendas explained, discussed and decided at the above Conferences as appeared in these records are as stated below:-

1st Conference — "Fundamental Policy for disposing CHINA Affair."
11 Jan. 1938

2nd Conference — "Adjustment Policy of New Relations of JAPAN and CHINA,"
30 Nov. 1938.

3rd Conference — No mention of Agenda.
19 Sept. 1940.

4th Conference — Conclusion of Treaty (T.N. Probably the Tripartite Pact?)
5 Nov. 1940

5th Conference — "Important national policy to deal with the present situation."
1 July, 1941

6th Conference — No mention of Agenda
6 Sept. 1941.

7th Conference — "
5 Nov. 1941

8th Conference — "
1 Dec. 1941

The general pattern of these records are roughly ⁽³⁾
as follows:-

1. Reasons for holding the Conference, are given in detail.
2. Names of those who attended.
3. Order of Seats.
4. Order of the proceeding of the Conference.
5. Usually the Premier acted as chairman and after explanation and discussion, he took the vote and decisions were taken at the end.