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No. 1297 of 19 July

Most Urgent!

In reference to telegram No. 1295 Pol VIII of 19 July.

The translation of the Foreign Minister's declaration follows:

"Entrusted with the post of Foreign Minister, I permit myself to hereby introduce myself to the German (the Italian) Ambassador in Tokyo.

I respectfully request that you transmit my regards to your Foreign Minister and to inform him that I was unexpectedly entrusted with the post of Foreign Minister, ^{in the} new forming of the Cabinet.

At the same time I would like to officially inform you and your government of the change of the Imperial Japanese government. As you have perceived from the announcement by the Imperial Government, this governmental change was effected in order to firstly carry out political measures suitable to the international situation, and further to be able to take, as soon as possible, the necessary steps for strengthening the inner political situation of the country. Outside of these points there existed no grounds for the governmental change, and the hitherto policy of the Japanese Empire will in no case undergo any change. I request that you take particular cognizance of the fact /that/ Japan's policy will rest on the basis of the spirit and aims of the Tripartite Pact, concluded between Japan, Germany, and Italy. No change whatever will take place in Japan's attitude toward Germany and Italy, as former Foreign Minister MATSUOKA clearly expressed to you, based on the cabinet decision of 2 July. I respectfully request that you also notify your government of the above. I personally was active in the Navy at the time of the conclusion of the Tripartite Pact, and had a share in its realization. As successor of former Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, I intend to continue his foreign policy and to still strengthen the close unity of Japan, Germany, and Italy, and march forward in the common spirit. I express the hope that you, Mr. Ambassador, will bestow upon me, just as the former Foreign Minister, your valued friendship and collaboration.

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Certificate:-

I, Ulrich Straus, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the German and English languages, and as a result of the comparison between the German and the English texts, I have established that this is a true and correct translation of International Prosecution Document No. 4052F.

/s/ Ulrich A. Straus, 2d Lt.

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 German 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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