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To the Minister:

Following my letter of 20th inst., No. 11/T3, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency of the views of the Imperial Government on the treatment of prisoners of war:

(1) Japan strictly observes the Geneva Convention of July 27, 1929 relative to the Red Cross, as a signatory of that Convention.

(2) The Imperial Government has not yet ratified the Convention relating to treatment of prisoners of war of 27 July 1929. It is therefore not bound by the said Convention. Nevertheless it will apply mutatis mutandis the provisions of that Convention to American prisoners of war in its power.

I would be obliged to Your Excellency if you would forward the above to the Government of the United States of America.

(L.S.) Minister of Foreign Affairs

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).

C E R T I F I C A T E

I.P.S. No. 1469-A-F

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.

/s/ W. Bossi
Signature of Official

Swiss Diplomatic Representative
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ Max R. Ton

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.

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt. AUSMI
NAME

Investigator IPS
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ J. A. Curtis