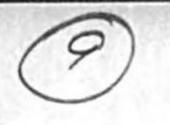
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No. 404 of 2 September

For German Foreign Minister

Japanese Ambassador visited me today to inform me that he had now received his expected recall. Expects to depart in about three weeks would particularly welcome /opportunity/ to have detailed talk with German Foreign Minister on homeward trip which he may take via Moscow. He seemed to be of the opinion that with a new Japanese Cabinet there was a wellfounded chance for successful continuation of the stalled further rapprochement with the Axis Powers. For this very purpose of being able personally to work more effectively than was possible from Rome he was going to Tokyo. Ambassador mentioned further that opinion was growing in Japan for a certain settlement with Russia which, if carried through in stages and via economic conversations, might eventuate in a non-aggression pact. Question was for us, too, of considerable significance, for a Japan freed from a Russian threat was in a position to reduce a possible tendency of the United States to intervene in Europe. Ambassador remarked finally that the ill feeling against us after conclusion of the German-Russian Non-Aggression Pact had improved considerably with the Cabinet change.

Sig. Mackensen

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Rome, 4 September 1939

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Note

After previous appointment by telephone I visited the local Japanese Ambassador today. After Mr. Shiratori, referring to his conversation with the Ambassador on 2 September, had told me why he wished to speak to me, he stated in the course of the conversation -- which lasted a good half hour -- approximately the following:

As is known to me, the conclusion of the German-Russian Non-Agression Pact came as a severe blow and made a great sensation in Japan. The friends of Germany had since then been laboring to counteract this effect. He himself, who belongs to this circle, had been trying ever so long to induce the Japanese Government to conclude an alliance with us (and presumptly also with Italy). This was the aim of his office here. Since this aim was not attained, he requested recall and was now returning to Japan, for he believes he can be of more use in the aforesaid direction there than here.

Mr. Shiratori went on to say /these words crossed through in original/ the German Forcign Minister von Ribbentrop proposed to him during his (Shiratori's) presence in Berlin on the occasion of the Fuehrer's birthday that Japan should enter into a closer alliance relationship with Germany. He sent this proposal on to Tokyo at the time without, however, receiving a reply from there. When he again saw the German Forcian Minister 16 June, the latter told him Germany would now conclude a non-aggression pact with Russia, since Japan had not agreed to our proposals. He reported this to Tokyo, too. The Japanese Ambassador in Berlin, Oshina, who as a military man understands naught of these matters, reported to Japan at the time that it was out of the question that Germany would conclude a pact with Russia. The Tokyo Government believed the German Foreign Minister /von Ribbentrop crossed through/ had only "bluffed". It had also spread this around Tokyo with the addition that he (Shiratori) and Oshima had been led around by the nose. Two months had passed without Toltyo's answering him (Shiratori) and finally we had concluded the pact with Russia. Thereupon the Japanese Government had resigned and he had put in four times for recall until it was finally accepted.

As for the supposed Japanese protest against the German-Russian Non-Aggression Pact, Mr. Shiratori told me Oshima had doubtless received instructions to protest. He (Shiratori) had been informed thereof at the same time. He had then got in touch with the Japanese Embassy in Berlin by telephone in order to stop the protest action if possible. Some official — the embassy counselor, if I am not mistaken — told him that Oshima had already gone to the Foreign Office. State Secretary von Weizsacker did not accept the protest there. On his return to the Embassy Oshima found the news of his (Shiratori's) telephone call and then reported to Tokyo that he considered a protest inopportune. In spite of this he received instructions from Tokyo to carry out the step. This has, however, not yet taken place.

Concerning the present state of Japanese-Russian relations (here I come to the most important part of the conversation)
Hr. Shiratori informed me the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow had received instructions a few days ago to make the following proposals to the Russian Government:

- To settle by diplomatic means the dispute on the border between l'ongolia and Manchoukuo, where for a considerable time a regular battle has been in progress;
- 2. To appoint a cormission for the settlement of the border problems there in general;
- 3. To conclude a trade treaty. If in the course of the discussions of the trade treaty Russia should make known her desire to conclude a non-aggression pact with Japan, Ambassador Togo should enquire first whether Russia were disposed to deny help to Chang Kai Chek.

He (Shiratori) does not consider these instructions to the Ambassador in Moscow fortunate, even /deems them/ dangerous. Russia, indeed, had never of her own accord proposed a nonaggression pact. The proposal for the German-Russian Non-Aggression Pact, too, had originated with us. In his opinion, the only way to secure a non-aggression pact with Russia -which he also considered highly desirable -- was with Germany's mediation. He had therefore proposed to General Oshima, on his own, without instructions from Tokyo, to request Germany's good offices. All this had taken place a few days carlier. General Oshina had not yet been able to see the German Foreign Minister, since he /GFM/ had had no time to receive him before his departure for the front where he had gone with the Fuehrer. The Fuehrer had received General Oshima before his departure, but that was only a matter of a very short visit during which the Fuehrer declared Germany wished to maintain the old, friendly relations with Japan, but during which Oshina had no opportunity

to broach the question of German mediation between Japan and resia. He (Oshima) wished to attempt to speak to the German Foreign Minister after his return to Berlin.

Regarding these latest developments Berlin was not yet officially informed. He (Shiratori) wanted to keep us an courant here and considered it appropriate that we inform Berlin.

To a remark from me that he had, so far as I understood it, the wish to speak to the German Foreign Minister on his return trip to Japan Mr. Shiratori replied that his travel plans were not yet definite. He would presumably return to Japan via Scandinavia and America and would of course be happy to talk to the German Foreign Minister in case the latter wished it. I got the impression that Mr. Shiratori did not wish to ask for a conference on his cym initiative, so to speak, probably out of regard for General Oshima. He expressed the view that the latter was to be found in Berlin.

In the course of the conversation Ambassador Shiratori rentioned that in connection with the Anti-Comintern Pact a secret accord was concluded between Germany and Japan to the effect that the tre countries were not to conclude a nonression prot with Russia. The whole situation had since then completely altered through the developments in Europe and no one could demand from any country that it commit suicide for a treaty's sake. At the time in question Russia appeared the chief energy to us as well as to Japan. For both countries, however, (as a further development after the Tientsin Incident) England had now become the chief enemy, who absolutely has to be besten. The advantage, to us also, of a cleansing or an amelloration of Russian apanese relations was self-evident, for America would in this caue decide with much greater difficulty to intervene in the present conflict. The gool of Japanese policy in China remains, now as then, the establishing of a new order there, with thich was linked the expulsion of England from China. In order to attain this goal Japan was hoping for financial help from America.

believed that after the overpowering of Poland the opportunity of an understanding with France and England might present itself. Germany and Italy were not at present in a position, and France and England were not disposed, to wage a war on a truly large scale. If it should come to a general conflict into which Italy, the United States, Russia and Japan would then necessarily be drawn, it would simply be a catastrophe whose extent could not be conceived.

In reply to a question of Mr. Shiratori's as to Italy's attitude, I strongly emphasized that Italy was proceeding in closest accord with us and that her attitude corresponded to our intentions in every respect.

/sig./ Plessen

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/s/ Arthur A. Sancusky
ARTHUR A. SANDUSKY

Tokyo, 31 December 1946.

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感情八内图 来かう大使い最後二独江子の侵條約 了重大者心義がりでとりの政サレバロシャです場像的三番を記得によっちかり上述べて 日本八百山心心手尚也八大心合歌国 以一个好路的苗三經済的会談三通三 根據アル希望が存えれ上去っ香心見 層力強力致果的二衛中かりい者。見一致了独東京三於 モスクラン経由デナステアラウ湯朝 テンタ大使八更二日本三次テハロシャ 三八停滯心在朝諸国上其後 談話ナシ得ルナラ 要送言り シマンタ、約三周 本質的三是正 接近 人心更 端結後ノ五ロマニオスル西へ 旧後出群大少平岸 可爱理之心面可敬 下北安協 ラ 改王山説が起 可成功理三前進 シマス、彼八新日本 三詳細一強逐 発展がき 何何のから上事か出 務日成からる解 ハローアカラヨッ トラ大ママンク セシメル 八高 5

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覺 書

豫水電話門的東之テガラ余八年日当地 白鸟民八九月二日一大使一人会談三百及三三何故 次如分部以文 シタガニ付下語の多数談的中二 レハタップリ半時旬續 使り訪問るる 彼か余八面談

地可り日本方が属的多五少得上信じ 東八十六十八十八年之子三三子若を起か又独逸 味方不清華余了る解スル所でい独少不侵降的,締結、白年でいて、有頭 ショトラ提案で文波八当時コー提案を東京三送ッタが東京から八三十個杯三端在中彼二日本八独送上属と深密ナ同盟関係三統結 始己外務大座八独己八日平が牧之、提安二同音の子からから 七露西班上不方信候的小鄉話也一 三帰朝セントンナサルハデアル、何故しい彼八上記、 回答がかり、彼然一十六日二独逸外教长 下沙夕、一一目的加達之一上的夕子般四遇 国盟了鄉語及人人好力之子来多此一的当地孩生被沒自一目的 白具比八更三語与續行語心譯起原文三次 公爾来コー影響を活地でスプクタカカシテ来文一 第七久之人以前かり日本政治ラ動からず我立上 独逐外務人生不了一次人上以了八级 タカラデ 白星)加熱經一致生自一際 此日子彼三部的文 佐上西度面会之夕時 ラ申請る今や日本 ,他前三属无线包 イル 又地了了伊本那上毛 自的、文艺公当 安局抹削シアノ

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参事官かり 提出了上文儿様一連絡了上少夕一台走 指置了教儿樣二十八訓令习责七只 が時機可得三年十十七天八上百報告シダ、ソレ三切って彼八東京から 三建上十十十部分级白岛一元此 東京的後(自身)一所(何等,何答了一年月か過中文八三年) 日電り請求三多等なり、豫理なりの独り不多保御三文元 一致ない「日シヤ」上條的了鄉話シタソコデ 馬上人高八百年使八十五年了了上尾鹤的十五東京了吹聽之外 東京政府八独多 軍三虚教力張了上過十十 大島八级白鳥方一電部 ソコテ彼八電話 抗議一萬三十八 伯來野哥日午 彼三大島八郎三外務准 外務大臣一話話了了少少小小少文字抹前手 一八八丁八抗議事長取う十六久大便館三帰り ラメデ在日本 白身氏松天島八雅二坑議,訓令王安子 ト言い 三就了同時三通出り一点ケタイ 日本大使館上出来ルナラ抗議 三行ッタ上古かり、国務大臣 可用イテ、ソレカラ東京二流議 当時日本二次之外沿逃外路路 余が誤ツテヰナケレバ大使館 少、東京政府八又己之被自 日本政府八時職心彼仙度 事学上報告之久

受かり書う告かり、 大便八數日前口三下政府三女之次一如手提案了大百中訓令习 余八本会談一最重要士部令文儿 ケレドモ未少三流議 八提出サレデエナ 見比公余二在モスコー」日本 少度係一現状一度心此處行

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ナラナ 一般的国境 了侵條約分鄉結スル希望す表示シララ東御大使八約了鄉結スリーだら通路條約討議中二ロシアが一般的国境的題解決了文委員会可設置スルコト が落介石機助う否認なに気がアルカドウカを頂下なべ

帰国はす独逸外務大臣上会談スル希望の頂えて中心からら 彼失島八分務大臣が旧林八帰還後彼三話する当ら上記です女大島三八少自治逐八日少面仲介、白題可接出又機会介办了 旧林(知うセルコトラ通当上方の文和が諒解スルかれ八般八日本へ彼(日写)八落デ牧を三之ヨ知らを度イト思らダンシテ牧をかり上ヨ 此等一颗近八情勢三展三八伯林八本中二公式三知三十七十十五日 おうまとうとうちん彼り意見が八露西亜上去侵條約一之う彼も約り提案ションハナインデアル、独以去侵條約一提案が全数を見 日本上人古年友好院係习維持也二上希望之一 何故土了八波独逸外務大臣 タモノデアル大島将軍へ外教 スルヨウ東京小訓令ナク 一是一是與外上方人文事每具露西班八未如當了自う進二并不得候 级自身八至了一班到大使分此刻令 が、生力はエマシイモノトをラハテ居夕か 上女了余一言世出一对心日息氏八般人 このでは、リーンでは、大島将軍三対でラ独逸ノ斡旋の変請から発出したアル故の彼八大島将軍三対でラ独逸ノ斡旋の変請別生力望でライモノトを今年居分かーの物ラル唯一、建八独て、仲川生力望でライモノトを今日居分 知之其八非常一短時间的面過中以八際總統八独然人 自分于提議之多之等又一分數目前行心 住三末から会フュートか出来が三居ル り回題り接出又機会がかり 死行計團八米 外决定 当前人自引持軍上面接之 三戰線、旅遊的前三彼上 ラな通ダトハ田へハス子 中心自言明シタか

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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Photostats of Telegrams between Tokyo, Rome and Berlin

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LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Nurnberg

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Nurnberg

PERSONS IMPLICATED: SHIRATORI, Toshio; OSHIMA, Hiroshi

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Conspiracy with Germany

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

These photostats sent by Col Brabner Smith to Mr. Sackett contain among others the following:

Army High Command in Berlin dtd 30 Aug 1938 containing information about the situation particularly re plans for an attack on Hankow, Canton. Japanese-English negotiations and discussions among radical circles about an action against Hongkong and Hainan at a time when the European conflict offers a favorable opportunity.

Item 2. Telegram from Mackensen in Rome to the Foreign Ministry in Berlin dtd 2 Sep 1939 re Shiratori's recall from his position as ambassador in Rome and conference with Shiratori in which he promises to work in Tokyo under the direction of an approachement by the Axis powers.

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Item 3. Memorandum by Von Plessen about a conference with Shiratori. Shiratori promises to work together with other friends of Germany for an alliance of Japan with Germany and Italy. He mentions a proposal of Von Ribbentrop in this connection as well as an advance notification re German-Russian Non-aggression Pact, both of which he stated forwarded to Tokyo. He then speaks about his efforts to avoid presentation of the Japanese protest against the above non-aggression pact. In regard to Japanese-Russian relations, he advocates a Non-aggression Pact concluded through the mediation of Germany. He mentions the secret agreement between Germany and Japan concluded in connection with the Anti-comintern Pact according to which two countries were prohibited from concluding a non-aggression pact with Russia. He states that since then the situation has completely changed inasmuch as then Russia appeared as Enemy No. 1, while England is in that position. Germany is interested in a settlement of Russo-Japanese relations as a deterrent against American intervention in the present conflict. He expresses the opinion that extension of this conflict into a general war with the necessary participation of Italy, United States, Russia and Japan would mean a catastrophe.

4. Telegram from Ott dtd 26 Jun 1940 re planned actions of Japanese South China Task Force. According to a spokesman of the navy, this action is partially modified by the intention to reconnoiter English and American reaction to Japanese military action in Southwest Pacific.

Analyst: 2dLt Kurt Steiner

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U. S.) Legal Division APO 742

14 August 1946

International Prosecution Section, GHQ, SCAP, APO 500, San Francisco, Calif.

Attention: Mr. H. R. Sackett

Dear Sir:

Very great amount of material covering foreign office records prior to the outbreak of war is available but it would take a large staff and considerable time to read it all, and only Collins is helping me, so am giving up the end of this week. The Haushofer trail was interesting but too late for Tokyo and probably too far removed from most of accused.

All those photostats in your possession and for which originals could not be found here in Berlin and which were stamped with a number preceded by "F", we have since discovered are photostats made from the so-called Von Loesch film found in Mullhaussen by Lt. Col. Thompson (Br.) and Ralph Collins (U.S.) last Spring. Original of these films are with Foreign Office in London and micro-film copy with the F.C., State Department, Washington, D. C.

J. W. Brabner Smith Special Assistant to Chief of Counsel

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Tokyo, 31 December 1946.

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