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BRITISH EMBASSY,

TOKYO.

21st February, 1941

My dear Minister,

With reference to our conversation of yesterday in regard to the presence of British troops near the Malayan-Thai frontier, I send you the text of a reassuring communique issued by the Thai Government on the 13th instant. You will see from this that that Government is not in any way apprehensive in regard to the precautionary measures taken in Malay.

I am sorry to say that this communique was distorted when published in the Japanese press. Instead of the words "both countries still respect the Treaty and pact of non-aggression concluded between one another", the version given in the Japanese press states "Great Britain should respect the Non-Aggression Treaty which she concluded with Thailand". This can only have been/

His Excellency

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka,

His Imperial Japanese Majesty's

Minister for Foreign Affairs.

been a deliberate misquotation, which I am sure you will agree
is very regrettable in present circumstances.

Believe me

my dear Minister,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd) R. H. Craigie

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Signed at Tokyo on this 21st day of Sept., 1946.

/s/ K. Hayashi
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Witness: /s/ Nagaharu Odo

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Signed at Tokyo on this 25 day of September, 1946

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