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Excerpt from Interrogation of Oshima, Hiroshi, dated 4 February 1946, pp. 31 and 32.

- Q. No you know the circumstances incident to Italy becoming a party to the Anti-Comintern Pact. By that a want to know who suggested it and to whom?
- A. I am not sure of what the circumstances were, but I believe that there were talks between Italy and Germany which brought it about.

By this time it had gone out of my hands and I can only say that I recollect that there was talk from the German side of recruiting Italy in the pact.

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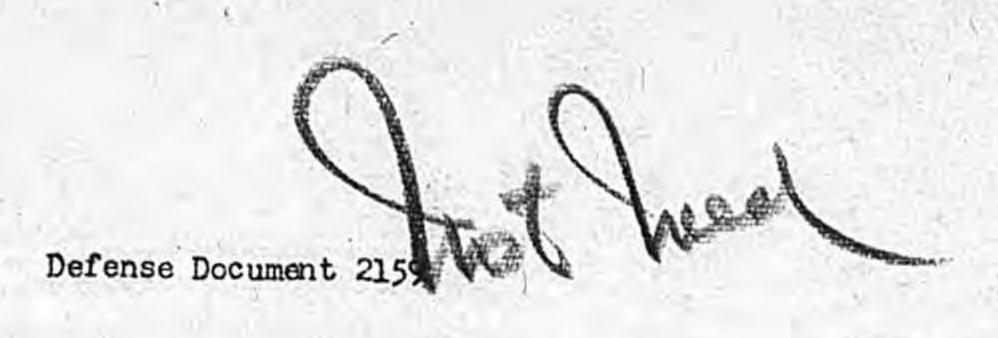


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STENOGRAPHIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT THE 70TH SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL DIET; 22 JANUARY 1937.

Answer of the Minister of State. Minister of State, Mr. Koki Hirota.

Further, as regards the present Government's administration, you seem to be under the impression that various official duties are discharged despotically according to Fascist theories, but it is a great mistake. The present Government is taking the course of deciding all state affairs in the light of public opinion. Not only in the field of political administration but in finance, industry and other fields is there the slightest intention of applying Fascist methods. —————— You had better not take the Japanese—German pact as having some connection with the guiding principles of Japan's internal administration. Assuredly, there is no such relationship.

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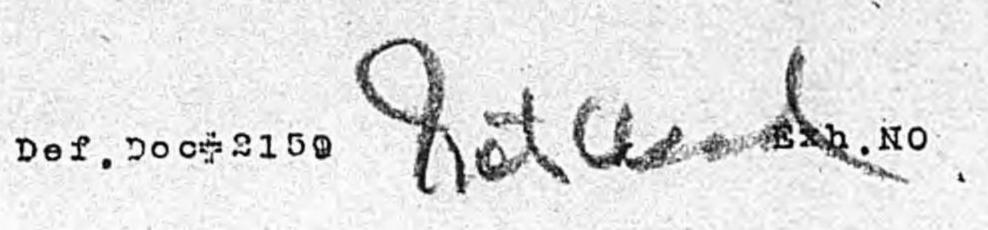
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