

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF PARK )

I, Nelson Trusler Johnson, being of lawful age and first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

I was United States Minister to China during the period August 6, 1931 to June 10, 1932, when Mamoru Shigemitsu was Japanese Minister to China and my colleague. I knew him before, during this period, and subsequently, and considered him a loyal representative of his country, who labored ceaselessly by peaceful means and the methods of negotiation and diplomacy to bring to solution the problems that troubled the relations between Japan and China. I knew him as a colleague and friend, frank, straightforward in speech, and one whose word I learned to trust.

From the time when hostilities between Japan and China broke out at Shanghai, China in January 1932 to the signing of the truce that ended those hostilities on May 5, 1932, Mr. Shigemitsu devoted all his time and energy first to finding means to bringing his own countrymen and the Chinese to discussions aimed at ending the strife, and latterly with me, the British Minister, Sir Miles Lampson (now Lord Kilaern), M. Wilden, the French Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Minister, to bring these discussions to a successful conclusion with the truce agreement of May 5, 1932.

That agreement had to be taken to the bedside of Mamoru Shigemitsu at a hospital, where he lay seriously wounded by an assassin's bomb, thrown onto the speakers' platform where he and other Japanese speakers were standing on April 29th. Throughout this difficult time Mr. Shigemitsu spared no effort to localize the incident, and contributed decisively to the creation of an atmosphere of friendliness, making possible a truce and the withdrawal of the considerable Japanese military forces landed around Shanghai,

At all times I have considered Mr. Shigemitsu a friend and an active proponent of settlement of international difficulties by discussion and negotiation. To these ends he was indefatigable in his efforts; frank and sincere in his approach; and always receptive, sympathetic and friendly in his attitude.

(signed) Nelson Trusler Johnson

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th  
day of August, 1947.

(signed) Anna Sue Rector  
Notary Public.

My Commission expires: December 12, 1948.