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PERSONS IMPLICATED: TANI, Masayuki; French Ambassador HENRI

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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

This document (72 pages) contains Jap representations, French replies, conversations between Jap Foreign Vice-Minister TANI and French Ambassador HENRI regarding negotiations for prohibiting transportation of CHIANG-Aiding munitions via FIC, Yunnan Railway bombing issue, and Jap-French negotiations for adjustment of relations between the two countries.

Conditions of Japanese Demand

As result of Japanese blockade of entire Chinese sea-coast, the only route through which CHIANG-Aiding arms and munitions were transported was French Indo-China. Upon hearing that large quantities of arms and munitions were actually being transported through that route, the Japanese government demanded that it be stopped, because relations between Japan and France would be demoralized if the Japanese forces should have to destroy railroads and trucks near the boundary of FIC. The first French reply was that France need not take the responsibility of prohibiting exportation of munitions, as Japan had not declared war against China. However, the French government gave information that

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The negotiations continued for more than two years, until finally the Japanese Naval Air Force bombed Yunnan Railroad on 30 Dec 1939.

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The Course of Japanese-French
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Ambassador HENRI, and so on, regarding
the issues mentioned above.