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CHINA INCIDENT

STATEMENT OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF EAST ASIA

3 November, 1938

By the august virtue of His Majesty, the Imperial Army and Naval forces have succeeded in occupying Canton, Wuchang, Hankow, and Haoyang, and the main territory of China has been conquered. The National Government has been reduced to a local regime. But, as long as the regime continues the anti-Japan and pro-Communist policy, Imperial Japan will never lay down arms until the regime is completely destroyed. The ultimate aim of Imperial Japan is to establish a New Order which will secure eternal peace in the Far East, and this is the final purpose of the present war.

The foundation of the New Order can be established through the collaboration of Manchukuo and China with Japan in economics, politics and culture, based on cooperation and mutual aid. The New Order should aim at the establishment of international justice, anti-Communist cooperation, the new culture and economic unity in the Far East. This is what stabilizes East Asia and promotes world development. What Japan expects of China is for her to take partial charge of the duty of establishing the New Order in the Far East. Imperial Japan expects the people of China to understand Japan's sincerity and reply to Japan by giving her cooperation. In case the National Government starts its life anew by casting away the old policies and changing its staff, it will not be refused entry into the camp of the New Order.

Because Imperial Japan believes that the powers will rightly understand Japan's intentions and that they will change their attitude in order to suit the situation in East Asia, Japan is especially grateful for the kindness of the Allied Nations.

Believing that the establishment of the New Order in the Far East is originating from the spirit of the national foundation, the completion of the task is the glorious mission imposed on the people of Japan. Imperial Japan should take firm steps to renovate the various internal systems, to develop the total power of the nation and should advance to attain the mentioned purpose.

This is the unmovable principle and resolution of the Imperial Government.

C E R T I F I C A T E

W.D.C. No. _____
 I.P.S. No. 1644

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, HAYASHI Kaoru hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief, Archives Section, Foreign Ministry and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 2 pages, dated 3 November, 1938, and described as follows: "Statement of the Imperial Japanese Government Concerning the Future of East Asia" I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Foreign Ministry

Signed at Tokyo on this
5th day of November, 1946. /s/ K. Hayashi
 Signature of Official

SEAL

Witness: /s/ Nagaharu Odo Chief, Archives Section
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, Henry Shimojima, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
5th day of November, 1946 /s/ Henry Shimojima
 NAME

Witness: /s/ R. H. Larsh Investigator
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INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

Doc. No. *1644*

Date *11 May 1946*

ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: *Official Statement of the Japanese Government concerning the future of East Asia*

Date: *Nov 3, 1938* Original Copy Language: *Jap*

Has it been translated? Yes No
Has it been photostated? Yes No

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable)

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SOURCE OF ORIGINAL:

Foreign Ministry

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

KAYA, Okiuori, ITAGAKI, Seishiro, ARAKI, Sadao, KIDO, Koichi (members of the Cabinet in Nov 3, 1938); KONOE; ARITA, KIUCHI:

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE:

Aggressive Warfare (China)

Excerpt:

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

"The final aim of the Imperial Japan is to establish a New Order which secures the eternal peace of the Far East and here lies the ultimate purpose of the present war"...

"Thinking that the establishment of the New Order in the Far East is originating from the spirit of the national foundation, the completion of the task is the glorious mission ^{imposed upon} of the people of Japan"

A complete translation is attached to the document

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證明書

「ワシントン」文書局 第 號

國際 校 察 部 第一六四四 號

典據及ビ公正ニ關スル證明

余、林 毅香 ハ余ガ下記ノ資格ニ於テ、即チ外務
省文書課長 トシテ、日本政府ト公的関係ニ在ル
モノナルコト、竝ニ該官吏トシテ余ガ茲ニ添附セラ
レタル、ニ 頁ヨリ成ル、千九百三十八年ノ昭和
十三年ノ十一月三日附、下記題名、即チ十九年十一月

~~東亞~~ 東亞ノ將來ニ關スル帝國政府ノ文書ノ
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一九三八年十一月三日
東亞ノ將來ニ關スル帝國政府聲明

今ヤ陛下ノ御稜威ニ依リ帝國陸海軍ハ、克ク廣東、
武漢三鎮ヲ攻略シテ、支那ノ要域ヲ戡定シタリ。
國民政府ハ既ニ地方ノ一政權ニ過ギズ。然レドモ、
尙同政府ニシテ抗日容共政策ヲ固執スル限リ、コ
レガ潰滅ヲ見ルマデ、帝國ハ斷ジテ矛ヲ收ムルコ
トナシ。帝國ノ冀求スル所ハ、東亞永遠ノ安定ヲ
確保スベキ新秩序ノ建設ニ在リ。今次征戰究極ノ
目的亦此ニ存ス。

コノ新秩序ノ建設ハ日滿支三國相携ヘ、政治、經
濟、文化等各業ニ亘リ互助遠環ノ關係ヲ樹立ス
ヲ以テ根幹トシ、東亞ニ於ケル國際主義ヲ確立
共同防共ヲ達成シ、新文化ノ創造、經濟結合ヲ實現
ヲ期スルニカサレバ、東亞ヲ安定シ、世界ノ
進運ニ寄與スル所以ナリ。

帝國ガ支那ニ望ム所ハ、コノ東亞新秩序建設ノ任
務ヲ分擔センコトニ在リ。帝國ハ支那國民ガ能ク
我ガ眞意ヲ理解シ、以テ帝國ノ協力ニ應ヘムコト
ヲ期待ス。固ヨリ國民政府ト雖モ從來ノ指導政策
ヲ一擲シ、ソノ人的構成ヲ改替シテ更生ノ實ヲ舉
ゲ、新秩序ノ建設ニ來リ參ズルニ於テハ敢テ之ヲ

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拒否スルモノニアラズ。

帝國ハ列國モ亦帝國ノ意圖ヲ正確ニ認識シ、東亞ノ新情勢ニ適應スベキヲ信ジテ疑ハズ。就中、盟朋諸國從來ノ厚誼ニ對シテハ深クコレヲ多トスルモノナリ。

惟フニ東亞ニ於ケル新秩序ノ建設ハ、我ガ肇國ノ精神ニ淵源シ、コレヲ完成スルハ、現代日本國民ニ課セラレタル光榮アル責務ナリ。帝國ハ必要ナル國內諸般ノ改新ヲ斷行シテ、愈々國家總力ノ擴充ヲ圖リ、萬難ヲ排シテ新業ノ達成ニ邁進セザルベカラズ。

茲ニ政府ハ帝國不動ノ方針ト決意トヲ聲明ス。