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supply goods, is to be supplied with oil at night of 20th of this month, outside the Karbor. The supply goods includer of a plane the plane on the converted cruiser is of no use) and gas-oline. She is to sail from there to MOU mentioned 4) Duy the operation of German converted cruiser in the South Seas, The Imperial navy has supplied her with various precious materials, severiles, Japan The naval anihorities is to present the germans with The naval anihorities is safety to atilize made made imaccordance with the and kope to utilize this fact in regoliating with their face that their face of the part is regoliating with their the Tipartite Past From instance, we consider the condition will be utilized to refuseya proposal that Germany wishes to get French-Indo-China Mulber. 5) The converted cruiser, now lying at anchor tem povary at MOV, and being supplied by the ss. munsterwhen I (OHTA) asked if it was the result of the regrest to leave nade by the Inperial navy. However, the manner with which the replied indicated it was no real and the replied indicated it was no it based on the diseased of navy

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Summery of the request of Japanese naval Depart.

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Dec. 31 1940, classified "Top Secret"

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It is hoped to be much more prudent in action considering preceding instance of Emden's bombard on Cocos island.

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By mr. T. MATSUBA.

CERTIFICATE

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commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification
was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese
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memorandum handed to the vice-minister OHASHI by the British amborssador on January 15, 1941

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The last eight pages are the translation of the memorandum handed to the vice-minister by the British ambassador concerning the movements of raiders in the pacific area.

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Protessed but Page 1 Document No. 2160-A Japanese-British Negotiations from 1930 to Outbreak of War. By OHTA, Third Sect., European Bureau, F. I. Ple-se handle this document with care, because I obtained this information under the agreement that I would never write it down. Information from Commander ICHIKAWA, Bureau of Naval Affairs Ti., to me on 20th is as follows: He told me to keep it absolutely secret. A German armed merchant cruiser followed by a supply ship (her old name is the "Ole Jacob") is now anchoring at an uninhabited island called You Island south of the Bonin Islands. She sailed up there because she seemed to have been spied upon by the British Intelligence as to her location because of her use of wireless in the South Sea Island: where she went to be repaired. The foregoing vessels are prohibited to use wireless, and connection is being kept by the . S. Regensburg. (2) The S. S. Ragensburg, which is responsible for keeping contact with the cruiser, sailed from YOKOHAWA Dec. 20. After receiving captured documents from the cruiser, she entered HACHINOE Harbor in AOMORI Prefecture to get contact with the German officials there. Being supplied with oil by the Imperial Mavy at OMNATO BASE, she sailed out and is not due to come back until the latter part of February. The S. S. Tunsterland, supply ship, which is now anchoring in KOBE Harbor has almost finished loading supplies, is to be furnished with oil in the night of 20th of this month outside the harbor. These supplies include a plane (the plane on the cruiser is unserviceable), and gasoline. She is to leave there on 24th for 'ou Island, mentioned above. (4) During the operations of the German cruiser in the South Seas, the Imperial Mavy has supplied her with various precious materials. Besides, Japan has been strongly oppos by Britain. The naval authorities want to impress the Germans with the amount of the sacrifices Japan has made in accordance with the Tripartite Pact and hope to utilize

this fact in negotiating with them. For instance, we consider this will be utilized in refusing Germany's proposal that she should receive French-Indo-China rubber.

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- (8) Furthermore, the S. S. Elmland has left for her homeland.
- (9) Commander ICHIKAWA agreed with my proposal to call Germany attention again to her use of Japanese flags and the insignia of Japanese vessels by German armed merchant cruisers.

Summary of the representation of Japanese Maval Department to German military officers in Tokyo dated December 31, 1940, classified "very secret".

It is reported that a converted cruiser of yours fired on Nauru Island. Our affording facilities to you being noised abroad by such an action of yours, disadvantage will occur to both of us. Furthermore, it is feared that the Empire (of Japan may have some trouble in getting rock phosphate, as a result of this bombardment from Nauru Island where she has been utilizing the products so far.

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Signed at Tokyo on this 25th day of Sapt., 1946

/signed/ K. Hayashi Signature of Official

Witness: /s/ T. Sato

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I, John a. Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated wit the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allie Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me fro the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the con duct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this 25th day of Sept., 1946 Witness: T/4 T. Toguchi /s/

/signed/ J. A. Curtis. 2d Lt.

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