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Moscow No. 152

Telegram in Cipher (Secret cipher process)

For the Ambassador:

Referring to the telegraphic information No. 132.

Barbarin called on Schnurre as announced by you and declared himself as authorized to negotiate here and also to sign the treaty in Berlin. Depending upon the progress of the talks we will reserve the decision to us, whether a part of the negotiations should nevertheless be transferred to Moscow. In any case we will proceed here ready for outspoken concessions, because the conclusion - and that at an earliest possible date - is welcome for general reasons.

With respect to the purely political side of our talks with Russia, we consider the waiting period ordered to you by the telegraphic instruction No. 134 as expired. You are therefore authorized, without pressing in any way, again to spin the thread further and to utilize for that purpose especially conversations on current affairs.

In case from the Russian side our relations to Japan should be brought to discussion, it is for you perhaps of interest to know that the Japanese

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ambassador in Berlin again as late as yesterday described the shootings and skirmishes in Outer Mongolia as not of importance.

Weizsacker

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(signed) YALE MAXON