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Urgent!

Annex to Telegram No. 1272 x) of the nineteenth.

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Secret.

I. The Vice Foreign Minister informed me today regarding the situation in Thailand, that the Thailand Prime Minister, as well as the American Government have denied alleged negotiations for an alliance. However, British and American Ambassadors in Bangkok are working energetically to win over Thailand for the Anglo-Saxon Powers. The Japanese Government has today proposed to Thailand that she limit her territorial claims on Indo-China in some points, and would then be ready to mediate between Thailand and Indo-China. Should the occasion arise, Japan will request the support of the German Government in dealing with the French Government.

II. The Vice Foreign Minister informed me most confidentially that the Japanese Government intends to send warships to Saigon. The French Government will be informed that this will be a friendly visit, but it will be, in fact, aimed as a demonstration against Thailand.

III. In the opinion of the Vice Foreign Minister, if Thailand were to turn towards the Anglo-Saxon camp there would be no considerable military harm to Japan in consequence. This move could be countered by the occupation of Saigon, and thereby be compensated.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, W. P. Cumming, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. That I am an Attache of the United States Department of State on the Staff of the United States Political Adviser on German Affairs, and as such I am a representative of the Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.). That in my capacity as above set forth, I have in my possession, custody, and control at the Berlin Documents Center, Berlin, Germany, the original captured German Foreign Office files and archives.

2. That said original Foreign Office files and archives were captured and obtained by military forces under the command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and upon their seizure and capture were first assembled by said military forces at a Military Document Center at Marburg, Germany, and were later moved by authorized personnel of said Allied forces to said central documents center, above referred to, and known as the Berlin Documents Center.

3. That I was assigned to said document center at Marburg, Germany, on August 15, 1945; and said captured German Foreign Office files and archives first came into my possession and control while I was stationed at Marburg, Germany, and that thereafter the same have continued in my possession and custody and under my control.

4. That the document to which this affidavit is attached is a true and correct photostatic copy of an original German Foreign Office document which was captured from said Germany Foreign Office files and archives, and which came into my possession and custody and under my control in the manner above set forth.

5. That said original document, of which the attached is a photostatic copy, is being held and retained by me in order that it may be examined and inspected by various interested agencies, and a photostatic copy of said original is hereby furnished and certified to because of the unavailability of said original for the reasons above set forth.

s/ W. P. Cumming
W. P. CUMMING

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 1946.

s/ G. H. Garde
G. H. GARDE
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Acting Adjutant General

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