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9. Stalin seems inclined to conclude a separate peace treaty with America.

Telegram No. 38828 - 38903 (Secret), Dispatched 8:15 PM Oct 8, 1941 /Probably from China Information Office/ To: Foreign Minister TOYODA.

I. Information Re CHINA.

1. Many countries approved NANKING Government, and the National Government will send Ambassadors or Ministers to those countries.

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2. WANG Ching-Wei is reorganizing the system of the National Government in order to strengthen the **FOUNDATION** of this Government and the relation with Japan.

3. Liaison Committee is set up in the Embassy as the consultative body for the Ambassador. We are endeavoring to fulfill every one of our promises in view of the WANG-KONOE Joint Declaration. We are to supply the materials valued at about 40 million yen this year for the credit of 300 million yen which we gave to the National Government.

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5. Relations between the National Army and the Communist Army are getting worse day by day.

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16 October 1941 0		{ Substances of negotiation between Major Gen. Turner and Japanese embassy staff }	from a military attaché to the Embassy	to the vice-minister of Navy department and the vice-chief of the naval general staff	
1. June 1941		{ American attitude against the Tripartite Treaty }	from the New York branch office of MITSUI co.,	to the chief of business section of head office of MITSUI BUSSAN co.,	
31. May 41	#5775	{ opinion ^{re} for American President's speech }	from a military officer in Shanghai	to secretary INAGAKI the American first section of Foreign department	
2. June 41	KA.FU #264	(America need not fight in Pacific) the	New York DOMEI report		
3 June 41 0		{ concerning Japan- American negotiation }	from the New York branch of MITSUI co.,	to the chief of business section of the head office of MITSUI Bussan co.,	
6 June 41 0	GYO A#104		from the New York branch of MITSUI co.,	to the chief of business section of the head office of MITSUI Bussan co.,	

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20 June 41	SP. SAN. NI. DEN #228	(the counter plans of America against Far East Asia)	the chief of staff of dispatched troops in China.	the vice-chief of the army department and the vice-chief of the army General staff	
6 November 41	#33766 (#700)		Ambassador HORIKIRI	Foreign Minister TOYO	
8 October 41		(the information of China)		Foreign Minister TOYODA	
25 October	Unannounced telegram no 6 (#1576)	{ the truth of refusal of Japanese embarkation at Manila.	Information Section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		
27 October	Unannounced telegram no 1. (#1577)	(American President abused German against the executed hostages)	Information Section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		
27 October	unannounced telegram no 2. (#1578)	(the British Premier announced the objection against the executed hostages)	Information section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		

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27 October	Unannounced telegram no 3 (# 1579)	(A correspondent of A.P. ceased his tidings)	Information section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		
27 October	Unannounced telegram no 4 (# 1580)	{ the criticism of British paper } { on the Nock's announcement }	Information section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		
27 October	Unannounced telegram no 5 (# 1581)	{ An absurd argument by } { an American writer }	Information section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		
12 May	Unannounced telegram no 5 (# 651)	{ Japanese diversion upon } { counter plan to China and } { American paper }	Information section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		
13 May	Unannounced telegram no 1 (# 654)	{ American paper's spine a great } { attention to the peace problems } { between Japan and China }	Information section of DOMEI TSUSHIN		

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15 May		unannounced telegram No 1. (# 660) (an American paper's argument for Japanese-American comity)			Information Section of DOMEI TSUSHIN
17 May		unannounced telegram No 3 (# 669) an American paper reported the reliance of peaceable mediation between Japan-China, by American experts			Information Section of DOMEI TSUSHIN
19 May		unannounced telegram No 3 (# 672) An American paper reported the co-operation between Japan and Chinese communists			Information Section of DOMEI TSUSHIN
19 May		unannounced telegram No 2 (#671) { the Reliance report of peaceable mediation between Japan-China by the United States = reported by <u>the Planda</u>			Information Section of DOMEI TSUSHIN
19 May		unannounced telegram No 5 (# 674) (Well-informed quarters of Washington) said and <u>the Planda</u> report is denied			Information Section of DOMEI TSUSHIN

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20 May		Unannounced telegram no 3 (#677)			Information section of DOMEI TSUSHIN
		{ Two American papers are again wired the USSR report.			
26 May 4/		Unannounced, TOKUJO New York # 96			(a good opportunity of comprehension of Japan and America
30 May 4/		Unannounced, TOKUJO, New York #100			(a good chance to mediate between Japan-American relation
2 June 4/		Unannounced TOKUJO, Washington #26/			{ the Pacific war is avoidable, Lipman argument
11 July		Unannounced telegram no 7. #924			Information section of Domei Tsushin
		(a report to Japan - America negotiation) (reported in an American journal)			

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Telegram

From: New York Branch of MITSUBI Co.

To: Chief of the Business Section of the Head Office of MITSUBI BUISAN Co.

Dispatched 4:37 P.M. June 2, 1941

1) According to the Kiplinger letter, America-Japanese negotiation has ^{been} ~~been~~ made secretly. Moreover, it

is expected to be succeed.

2) Opposition of the State Department is expected in ~~for~~ the proposal of sending food to European countries under the influence of America.

3) Commodity prices ~~is~~ ^{are} expected to ~~raise~~ ^{rise} at least 10 or 15% by the end of this year.

○ Telegram From: New York Branch of MITSUBI Co.
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Dispatched 4:25 P.M. June 5

1) The object of returning of Ambassador WINANT from England may have a connection with the peace talk ~~rumored~~ ^{rumored} since after HESS's visit to England.

2) America is lacking the agriculture laborers and agricultural machines.

○ Telegram SO. SAN. NI. DEN. #228

From: Chief of Staff of dispatched troops in China

To: Vice Minister of the War and the Vice Chief of the Army General Staff

Dispatched June 20 1941

Confidential

Gaus and Batric (?) came here from America and invited the leaders of American Army and Diplomacy dispatched. The main point of their secret conversation is as follows:-

1. Policy against Far East Asia

1) We believe firmly that America can not but exercise the military power to root out the totalitarianism and to relief the whole mankind from it.

2) America's policy for Far East Asia is a complete confrontation against Japan.

3) Center place of the diplomacy between America and China is moving to WASHINGTON.

2. Problem of Japan-Chinese Peace

1) There are considerable people in Tokyo who have a hope to make a peace between Japan and China ^{through} by the mediation of America.

2) America is going to enforce the pressure on Japan in assisting China. This is done as the means of making Japanese militarist consider the Sino-Japanese peace. If Japan is not willing to take this chance, America will have a good reason to wage war against Japan.

○ Telegram #33766 (#700) (Top Secret for the Outside of
The Foreign Office.)
From Ambassador HORIKIRI
To Foreign Minister TOGODA

Concerning the last paragraph of the Ambassador's
Telegrams #662 and #189

About the course of getting information from the
Vatican, the special care must be paid.

The reason of it is that Vatican is regarded as
an important place from every country because it
becomes an aim of propaganda of each country.

Telegram #38828 #38903 (Secret)

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