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Telegram No. 898

To Ambassador Satō at Moscow

(Urgent, office-chief cipher)

19:30, 13 July 1945

Reference to my telegram No. 893.

It was considered proper that I should receive Ambassador Malik and convey the intended dispatch of the special envoy, but as Malik was ill abed, I sent Andō, Director of the Bureau of Political Affairs, to convey to the Ambassador that His Majesty desired to dispatch Prince Konoe as special envoy, carrying with him the personal letter of His Majesty stating the Imperial wish to end the war; that you were to convey the matter to the Soviet Government; and that the Ambassador should concurrently accord facilities in this connection. Ambassador Malik promised to telegraph promptly about the matter to his Government.

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the Defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages, and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

H. Nishi

Tokyo  
3 May 1947