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Telegram No. 931

To Ambassador Satō at Moscow

(Urgent, office-chief cipher)

21:30, 21 July 1945

With reference to your telegrams Nos. 1417 and 1418.

The mission of Special Envoy Prince Konoe consists of requesting the Soviet Government, in conformity with the Imperial wishes, to use its good offices to bring the war to an end; in stating the concrete intention of the Japanese Government thereon; and in consulting upon matters relating to the establishment of cooperative relations between Japan and the Soviet Union, which should be the foundation of Japan's foreign policy throughout the war period as well as the post-bellum period.

You will convey the above to the Soviet Government and strive to obtain its consent to the dispatch of the special envoy.

It is further desired that you fully understand my telegram No. 932.

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
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