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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Various Communications and Proposals relative to Japanese-American Negotiations, and the Axis negotiation with Russia for the Domination of the World.

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PERSONS IMPLICATED: MATSUOKA, Yosuke; NOMURA, Kichisaburo; TOYODA, Teijiro.

CRIMES OR PHASE TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE:

Japanese-American Negotiations; Conspiracy for World Domination

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS: Contains numerous documents, the more relevant of which are as follows:

Item 25: Telegram from Foreign Minister MATSUOKA to Ambassador NOMURA in U.S.A. (Materials for the negotiation concerning the Northern Problem) Undated.

Although the future of the Russo-German War cannot be predicted easily, if Russia is defeated and the Stalin Government collapses, the Russian territory in the Far East will be thrown into disorder. Then Japan will inevitably set up adequate measures to meet this situation. Moreover, Japan has decided to increase her troops in Manchukuo to the minimum necessary for securing the peace of both Japan and Manchukuo.

So, if the U. S. Government asks you about the matter of increasing the troops in the North, I hope you will explain it adequately according to your opinion, and endeavor to impress them that it is for defence and the prevention of the destruction of peace in the Far East.

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Item 40: Draft of Telegram to Ambassador NOMURA (Undated and presumably sent by the Imperial Navy)

Japan has decided to establish strategic bases in the near future (around the end of this month) in southern French Indo-China, and to station needed Army, Navy and Air Forces there. Japan desires to occupy the area peacefully in the name of common defence but, if the French Government will not accept our proposal, Japan will occupy by force.

The reasons are as follows:

(1) French Indo-China and Thailand are the most important sources of supply for Japan. Anti-Japanese activities of the British Empire are increasing in Thailand and French Indo-China. Japan has no other course than to occupy French Indo-China to prevent the mentioned anti-Japanese activities.

(2) This measure is to separate China from the British Empire and U.S.A. It is an urgent strategic set-up for the national defense of Japan, because we must watch the united front of A.B.C.D. in China, Malay Peninsula, Dutch Indies, Australia, etc.

(3) This set-up will arouse the wrath of England and U.S., but it will not lead to war. Moreover, it will cover up our intention toward the North.

Item 41: Telegram No. 373 from Foreign Minister MATSUOKA to Ambassador OSHIMA, 5 May 1941.

MATSUOKA showed his disinclination to go to America to effect an understanding by stating the following:

Concerning your telegram No. 480, I have received several communications lately from the Ambassadors of Germany and Italy on this matter, and though I suppose the U.S. desires my going there (U.S.), I replied to them that I had no such intention. I dispatched this to their governments. Moreover, on the 4th at Kyoto, on my way to visit ISE Shrine, I replied to the Japanese news correspondents that I had no need of going over to U.S.A. because of my perfect knowledge of them and that I desire President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull to come over to Japan to correct their understanding about Japan.

Item 50: Instruction to the offices abroad concerning the secret code (Ambassador's Code). From KAMEYAMA, Chief of Telegram Division, to the Chiefs and Secretaries of various bureaus and sections. Date: 28 November 1941.

This document contains a list of secret code to transmit diplomatic secrets from the Foreign Minister to the Ambassadors abroad or visa versa in order to meet the urgency of diplomatic relations. For example, HOSINO meant Japan is commencing war on all fronts; H. TAKEYAMA meant Japan has ruptured diplomatic relations, etc.

Item 51: Outline of the Negotiation toward Germany, Italy, and U.S.S.R.
Date: Missing. (AN: This reveals Japan's role in the Axis conspiracy to dominate the entire world.)

(1) We shall endeavor to make U.S.S.R. accept the so-called "Ribbentrop Program", by which we will make her accord to the policy of Japan, Germany, and Italy of overthrowing the British Empire.

(2) The conditions for adjustment of diplomatic relations between Japan and U.S.S.R. are as follows:

(a) Through the good offices of Germany, Japan shall buy Northern Saghalien. If U.S.S.R. will not agree to it, (1) Japan shall have the power to obtain for five years 1,500,000 tons of oil, on condition that Japan will return with compensation the rights on oil fields, coal fields, and prospecting oil in Northern Saghalien, after drawing out oil; (2) Japan shall guarantee for the next five years the purchase of 1,500,000 tons of oil; (3) Japan will conclude a new agreement containing the foregoing items, and then cancel the former agreement of rights and privileges.

(b) Japan will recognize the influence of U.S.S.R. in Sinkiang, and U.S.S.R. the influence of Japan in North China and Outer Mongolia. The relations among Sinkiang, Outer Mongolia, and U.S.S.R. will be decided between U.S.S.R. and China.

(c) U.S.S.R. will give up pro-Chiang activities.

(d) Between Manchuria, U.S.S.R. and Outer Mongolia, a committee for a border demarcation and the settling of disputes shall be established.

(e) Fishery negotiations will be concluded by the TAKEKAWA proposal.

(f) U.S.S.R. shall promise the necessary operation of cars and the discount of freight rates for the transportation of freight between Japan and Germany.

(3) Japan will occupy the position of political leadership in the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, and have responsibility for the maintenance of order. The races in the mentioned sphere shall

retain their independence or become independent; but as to the races without any ability in the district of territories of British Empire, France, Netherlands and Portugal, Japan will allow them self-government according to their political ability, and make herself responsible for the guidance of their governments. As to the natural resources for national defense in the mentioned sphere, Japan will reserve economic privileges; in other trading enterprises in general, Japan will apply the principles of Open-Door and Equal Opportunity reciprocally with other economic spheres.

(4) The world will be divided into four spheres, namely: Greater East Asia Sphere, European Sphere (including Africa), American Sphere, and U.S.S.R. Sphere (including India and Iran). For England we will reserve Australia and New Zealand, and treat her the same as the Netherlands. Japan will insist on this plan in the coming Peace Conference.

(5) Japan will endeavor to obtain the understanding of the German Government concerning the actions and policies that prevent the U.S.A. from participating in the war. (Note: Japan will not conclude any agreement restraining the independence of Japan regarding her intention, actions, and military operations on the participation in the European War.)

(6) When Japan participates in the European War, she will conclude an agreement with her allies concerning the non-conclusion of separate peace.

(7) Germany and Italy, esp. Germany, will restrain the U.S.S.R. and if U.S.S.R. will attack both Japan and Manchukuo, Germany and Italy will attack U.S.S.R.

(8) Germany will do her best to strengthen the military power of Japan, and Japan will supply raw materials and foodstuffs to Germany. In addition, Germany will supply promptly and abundantly inventions, machineries, technicians, and engineers needed for the development of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

(9) Japan will again negotiate with Germany as to the promotion of nation-wide peace with China.

(10) Missing.

(11) Foreign Minister MATSUOKA will go on a trip to Europe to negotiate with the governments of Germany, Italy, and U.S.S.R. in order to endeavor to accomplish the above-mentioned items and conclude a treaty if necessary.

The Contents of "Ribbentrop's Program"

The Program concludes with an agreement between Germany and Italy, as one party, and U.S.S.R. as the other party.

(1) U.S.S.R. will be made to agree that the object of the Three Power Treaty is for preventing war and recovering peace promptly;

(2) U.S.S.R. will recognize the leading position of Germany, Italy and Japan with regard to the New Order in Europe and Asia, and the three powers promise to respect the territory of U.S.S.R.

(3) The three powers and U.S.S.R. agree not to assist nor join warring countries.

In addition, the following understanding will be agreed upon. Japan, Germany, Italy and U.S.S.R. will recognize that their future spheres of influence are: to Japan, the South Sea; to U.S.S.R., the area of Iran and India; to Germany, Central Africa; and to Italy, North Africa.