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From: General MINAMI, Jiro, Governor-General of Korea  
To : His Excellency, the Foreign Minister UGAKI, Issei

Sir:

Approximately one year has passed since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese Incident. Through the good policy of Your Excellency as Prime Minister at a time when the situation is so extremely grave, the prestige of our country is being enhanced at home and abroad, and I feel it is a matter for congratulations for the sake of our nation.

Ever since the Incident our troops have been invincible, and I believe Hankow, the last capitol of the Chiang Regime, will soon be conquered.

It is natural that the significance of the fall of Hankow, in this Holy War, will have an extremely great influence at home and abroad. I feel there are many measures to be taken by our nation at this juncture, but the most important problem, I believe, is the recognition of a pro-Japanese Regime in North and Central China simultaneously with the fall of Hankow, and to expound it at home and abroad.

The recognition of a pro-Japanese Regime by our country will, internally, convince our people of the progress of our policy in China; and externally, give the Chinese masses a strong suggestion that there is no other way than to get rid of the Chiang Regime and depend on the new Regime, and at the same time the third powers behind Chiang will also fully realize that there is no other way than to approach the pro-Japanese regime in order to protect their own rights and interests. I believe it will have great effect at home and abroad.

I feel Your Excellency has already given individual consideration to various measures to be taken after the fall of Hankow, but it is my wish to have Your Excellency make final judgment on this point.

Yours respectfully,

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Statement of Official Procurement

I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief of Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 6 pages (Japanese), dated 23 September 1938, and described as follows: Letter from Korean Civil Governor-General MINAMI to Foreign Minister UGAKI dated 23 September 1938. I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Foreign Ministry.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
2nd day of April, 1947.

/s/ K. HAYASHI  
Signature of Official

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Witness: K. Urabe /s/

Chief, Archives Section  
Official Capacity

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I, Richard H. Larsh, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
8th day of April, 1947.

/s/ Richard H. Larsh  
NAME

Witness: /s/ Henry Shimojima

Investigator, I. P. S.  
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