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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Loose shorthand record, "Secret Meeting on the Development of North China." 84th Diet Session

Date: 29 January 1947 Original (X) Copy ( ) Language: Japanese

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LOCATION OF ORIGINAL: Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Diet

PERSONS IMPLICATED: AOKI, Kazuo

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Greater East Asia War;  
Economic Control of China

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS:

Greater East Asia Minister AOKI explained that Japan's war strength must be increased further by developing the natural resources of China. This has been brought about by the difficulty encountered by Japan in the transportation of goods from the occupied South Sea Areas. Of interest may be the following excerpt from his speech:

"Then the cause of the increase of the prices of goods in China lies mainly in the shortage of goods caused by war, the lack of transportation, the increase of paper money, etc. I daresay that the inflation in China expresses the degree of her contribution to our fighting strength, because we can not supply goods from Japan proper and can only issue paper money instead of necessary goods for the Chinese people. Thus, we can let them share our risk of paying for war expenditures."

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Title: Shorthand records of the 2nd Secret Meeting of the <sup>Committee</sup> for the Bill of the revised North China Development ~~ment~~ Company Law and Central China Developing ~~ment~~ Company Law held on 29 January 1944.

Contents: State Minister AOKI's explanation about the administrative problems of China.

The aim of our policy towards China consists in the establishment of new relations with China on the basis of the respect of Chinese independence and the promotion of our increasing war strength by developing ~~the~~ natural resources and delivering goods in China <sup>un-</sup> <sup>difficult,</sup> <sup>easily</sup> ~~der~~ ~~the~~ situation that Japan will not <sup>be</sup> able to carry goods from the occupied South Sea Area.

The main contribution of Chinese economy to Japan is 5 million Ton coal for iron in this fiscal year.



manufacture, 3.6 million ton iron ore, 130 thousand ton fluor-spar, salt in CHANRU, SHANTUNG and HAICHOU, and cotton in North China.

The expenditure <sup>for the</sup> contracts paid by the National Treasury, other than the Budget, will be used as follows:

Item.	Amount yen
Iron Manufacture Industries	35,000,000
Production of Alumina in North China	300,000,000
Production of Aluminite	30,000,000
Mineral Magnesium	10,000,000
Other <sup>emergency</sup> facilities in North China	4,000,000
For Smaller Blast Furnaces	80,000,000
Production of Alumina in Central China.	16,000,000
Production of Copper	20,000,000
Other <sup>emergency</sup> facilities in Central China	30,000,000
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We have produced 89 thousand ton pig-iron to March this year with 41 smaller blast furnaces in North and Central China, and establish a aluminite factory at CHANTIEN in SHANTUNG Province. The difficulties of