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Nagaharu Odo
Signature of Official

Witness : Id. Ishida

STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN

(December 15, 1937)

With regard to the reported incident in which the British man-of-war, the Ladybird, was shelled by the Japanese force at Wuhu on the 12th December, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, called this afternoon on the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, at the British Embassy and, on behalf of the Japanese Government, tendered the expression of profound regret for the happening of the unfortunate incident.

Jap Doc. No. 392

Subject. Statement of The Foreign Office Spokesman
(Dec. 15, 1937)

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Dec. 30, 1946

Note (レターハート事案の閣議) 外務省情報部長談 (1937. 12. 15)

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外務省スポークスマンの談話

(一九三七年十二月十五日)

既報の十二月十日蕪湖に於ける日本軍の英國軍艦「レイバード」号

外務大臣

本日午後

砲撃事件に関し、廣田弘毅氏は、英國大使「ロバート・クレイギー」
御名を

その大使館に訪問、右の不幸なる事件の発生したことに對し、日本政府を

代表して、町重に遺憾の意を表明した。