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Telegram from Ichikawa, Acting-(TN. Consul, at
Amoy to Uchida, Foreign Minister June 6, 1919.

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(Cipher)

Dispatched from Amoy, at 7,30 p.m., June 6,

8th year of Taishō (1919)

Received at the Ministry, at 2,45 p.m., June 7,

8th year of Taishō (1919)

To Foreign Minister UCHIDA

From Acting-(TN. Consul), ICHIKAWA

No. 34

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It is difficult to understand why the student riot broke out suddenly.

The Chinese authorities appear, on the other hand, to be almost incompetent. As the Warship CHITOSE is now at anchor,

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the marines are ready to land anytime when danger is imminent.
It is, however, realized that careful consideration must
be given before carrying out such a landing.

Telegraphed to Peking, Tientsin and Tsinan;

Sent by mail in cipher to Fuchow and Swatow.

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I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section,
Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the
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K. Hayashi
Signature of Official

Witness: Nagaharu Odo

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I, William F. Clarke, of the Defense Language
Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation
described in the above certificate is, to the best of
my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is
as near as possible to the meaning of the original
document.

/s/ William F. Clarke

Today, Japan
Date 21 Jan 1947

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大正八年六月

六日 后七、三〇

九 本省着

七日 后二、四五

內 田 外 務 大 臣

市 川 專 務 代 理

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