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To: Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, SHIGEMITSU,
Mamoru, Esq.

From: Vice-Minister of War, HASHIMOTO, Toranosuke

The following is our reply on the subject of petitioning the Emperor for his ratification of the Geneva Treaty concluded on 27th of July, 1929, for the improvement of the conditions of wounded and sick members of armed forces at the front, and a treaty of the same date relative to the treatment of prisoners of war.

Concerning your letter of inquiry, (JO-I-KIMITSU-GO No. 3091) dated 9th of August, we have no objection to petitioning the Emperor for his ratification of the Geneva Treaty concluded on 27th of July, 1929, for the improvement of the conditions of wounded and sick members of armed forces at the front, but in regard to "the treaty on the same date relative to the treatment of prisoners of war", in the opinion of War-Ministry, we would like to refrain from petitioning the Emperor for his ratification thereof. Therefore we wish you act in our favour at your discretion.

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I, URABE, Katsuma, who occupy the post of the Acting Chief of the Archives Section of Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document hereto attached, written in Japanese, consisting of 1 page and entitled "Reply on the subject of petitioning the Emperor for his sanction concerning Geneva Treaty concluded on 27th of July in 1929 for the improvement of the conditions of wounded and sick members of armed forces at the front, and a treaty, on the same date relative to the treatment of prisoners of war. (Official letter of the 6th of September, 1934 despatched from Vice-Minister of Foreign Ministry SHIGEMITSU to Vice-Minister of War, HASHIMOTO)" is an official document in the custody of Japanese Government (Foreign Office).

Certified at Tokyo, on this 15th day of August, 1947

/S/ URABE, Katsuma (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

At the same place, on this same date.

Witness: /S/ SATO, Takegoro (seal)