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### Certificate of Non-Existence of Documents

1. I, Yoshii Michinori, am Archives Section Chief of the Demobilization Bureau II of the Demobilization Office, and a document custodian of the Demobilization Bureau II.

2. The originals, duplicates and copies of the following telegrams do none of them exist in the Demobilization Bureau II, the organization disposing of the remaining business of the former Japanese Navy Department.

- (1) The telegrams exchanged in 1941 between Vice-Admiral Nomura at Berlin and the Japanese Navy concerning American-Japanese negotiations.
- (2) The joint telegraphic instructions dispatched in January 1942 by the Navy Minister and the Naval General Staff Chief to Vice-Admiral Nomura at Berlin concerning the conclusion of the Military Agreement
- (3) The telegrams exchanged between Vice-Admiral Nomura at Berlin, and the Navy Ministry and the Navy General Staff since the March-April period in 1942 concerning the intensifying of operations by the Japanese Navy in the Indian Ocean area.

3. Of the foregoing telegrams, the duplicates of the outgoing telegrams and the originals of the incoming telegrams in section (1) were in the custody of the General Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry, or in the Navy Minister's Secretariat; the duplicates of the telegrams in section (2) and the duplicates of the outgoing telegrams and the originals of the incoming telegrams in section (3) were in the custody either of the General Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry, the Navy Minister's Secretariat or of the 1st Department of the Naval General Staff, and where there were no originals or duplicates, there were found copies kept in custody. The rule was that copies of telegrams should all be kept for one year in the custody of the Telegraph Section of the Navy Ministry.

4. In the United States air-raids of May 1945, continuing from midnight of the 25th to dawn of the 26th, the bulk of the Navy Ministry building was destroyed by fire. The Minister's Secretariat, the General Affairs Bureau of the Navy Ministry, and the 1st Department of the Naval General Staff and the office rooms of the Telegraph Section were all reduced to ashes, and almost all the documents kept in these places were lost. The originals, duplicates and copies now missing are believed to have all been destroyed by fire on this occasion.

5. As for the originals and duplicates of the above-mentioned telegrams kept in custody at the Japanese Embassy at Berlin, we inquired of all the returnees including former Admiral Nomura, but none of them possessed the copies, obviously having destroyed them by fire previously to the German capitulation.

I vouch for the truth of the above statement in every respect.

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Certified at Tokyo  
on this 19th day of August 1947  
Yoshii Michinori

Archives Section Chief of the  
Demobilization Bureau II

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

At the same place,  
On the same date

Witness: Okuyama Hachiro

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Certificate

I, who occupy the post of the Archives Section Chief of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, hereby certify that the telegram dispatched about March 1943 by Ambassador OSHIMA at Berlin concerning the transfer to Japan of German submarines and the reply telegram thereto are not among the documents in the custody of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

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on this 19th day of August 1947

Hayashi Kaoru

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

At the same place  
on the same date

Witness: Sato Takegoro

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Certificate

1. I, Taniguchi Yasumaro, occupied from May 1940 till May 1945 the post of Assistant Naval Attache to the Japanese Embassy at Berlin, and was in charge of the telegrams dispatched and received by those concerned with the Navy and the custody of these documents.

2. With air raids on Berlin intensified from about November 1943, we consigned to the fire some of the important documents and telegrams on several occasions, and in April 1945 when Berlin fell in a crisis, we destroyed the rest of them by fire for the last time.

3. The originals, duplicates and copies of the telegrams mentioned below do none of them exist as they were completely destroyed by fire on the above-mentioned occasions.

(1) The telegram exchanged in 1941 between Vice-Admiral Nomura at Berlin and the Naval Department concerning the America-Japan negotiations.

(2) The telegraphic instructions dispatched in January 1942 by the Naval General Staff Chief and the Navy Minister to Vice-Admiral Nomura concerning the conclusion of the Military Agreement.

(3) The telegrams exchanged between Vice-Admiral Nomura

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at Berlin, and the Japanese Naval General Staff and the Navy Ministry since the March-April period in 1942 concerning the intensifying of operations by the Japanese Navy in the Indian Ocean area.

I vouch for the truth of the above statement in every respect.

Certified at Yokosuka  
on this 16th day of August 1947

Taniguchi Yasumaro  
General Affairs Section Chief of the  
Yokosuka Local Demobilization Bureau

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

At the same place  
on the same date

Witness: Shikame Yoshisuke  
Director of the Yokosuka Local Demobilization  
Bureau