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On January 3, 1942 the British Government communicated through the Argentine Charge d'Affaires in Tokyo the information that the British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand Governments would declare their observance of the Geneva Prisoner of War Convention of 1929 in respect of Japan and inquired whether the Imperial Government had any intention of making a similar declaration.

There was another communication on January 5th saying that they propose to take the national and racial manners and customs of the prisoners of war into consideration when applying articles 11 and 12 of the said agreement concerning the supply of provisions and clothing to the prisoners of war.

To the above we communicated the following to the various Governments mentioned above, through the Argentine Charge d'Affaires in Tokyo on January 29th:

1. The Imperial Government has not ratified the agreement in question and therefore refuses to be bound in any way whatever by the agreement, but will apply the provisions of the said agreement to British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand prisoners of war within Japan's jurisdiction.
2. The Imperial Government will consider the national and racial manners and customs of the prisoners of war on a basis of reciprocity when supplying clothing and provisions to the prisoners of war.

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Signed at Tokyo on this  
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Signature of Official  
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Witness: s/ Nagaharu Odo

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