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To-Vice Minister of War

Vice-chief of Army General Staff

From-Chief of Staff, the Kwantung Army

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(Th. Kwantung crossed out in pencil-  
North China substituted)

According to a report from the ASIA DEVELOPMENT BOARD (China Affairs Board), negotiations for the conclusion of a trade pact between Japan, Manchoukuo and China as one body and Germany shortly will proceed at an early date. We should like to know the truth about the matter.

In view of the spirit of the conclusion of the Tripartite Alliance, it is needless to state that we agree with the object of such a pact, and the strengthening of the national defense potentialities with it, and we will not spare our efforts to export raw materials to the value of about 20 or 30 million yen to Germany from North China, but we should like to request you:

1. To make sure to provide North China with return goods from Japan, in return for these 20 or 30 million yen of exports to Germany in order not to delay the construction of North China.

2. As regards the direct introduction of German technical assistance into North China, we are of the opinion that such proposal is not at all necessary under the present circumstances. But in any case the rolling stock will have a very important bearing on the construction of North China. We ask you to keep in close touch with us in case of negotiations affecting military matters.

Sent to:

General Army Headquarters War Ministry

General Army Staff Office

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