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ENCLOSURE II

Berlin, 25 November 1936.

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's communication of today concerning the secret attached agreement to the Agreement against the Communist International, in which I was informed of the following:

"I have the honour to inform your Excellency, on the occasion of the signing today of the secret attached agreement to the Agreement against the Communist International, that the Japanese Government and the German Government are fully agreed on the following point:

"The 'political treaties' designated in Article II of the above secret attached agreement include neither fishery treaties nor treaties concerning concessions, nor treaties concerning border questions between Japan, Manchukuo and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the like, which may be concluded between Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

I have the honour to inform your Excellency of the assent of the German Government to the above interpretation.

At the same time I take the opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest esteem for your Excellency.

(signed) Joachim von Ribbentrop

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the German Reich

TO

His Excellency  
the Imperial Japanese Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Viscount Kintomo Mushakoji

Berlin West 8, 23 October 36  
Wilhelmstrasse 64

Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of the German Reich

Mr. Ambassador!

I have the honor to acknowledge to your Excellency the receipt of the communication of 23 inst. I took cognizance thereof as well as of the contents of the telegram to the Foreign Minister, Mr. ARITA, copy of which was enclosed.

At the same time I welcome the opportunity to renew to your Excellency the expression of my highest esteem.

(signed) VON RIBBENTROP

To His Excellency, the Imperial Japanese  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Viscount MUSHAKOJI

INCLOSURE IV

Berlin 25 November 11 Showa

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's communication of today on the subject of the secret attached Agreement to the Agreement against the Communist International, signed today, in which I was informed of the following:

"I have the honour to inform your Excellency on the occasion of the signing today of the secret attached Agreement to the Agreement regarding the Communist International, that the German Government does not regard the provisions of the existing political treaties between the German Reich and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics -- such as the RAPALLO Treaty of 1922 and the Neutrality Pact of 1926, in so far as they have not become null and void under the conditions existing at the time of the coming into effect of this agreement -- as being in contradiction to the spirit of this Agreement and the obligations arising from it.

I have the honour to confirm to your Excellency, that my Government acknowledges this communication with sincere satisfaction.

At the same time I take the opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest esteem for your Excellency.

Imperial Japanese Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

TO

His Excellency  
the Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of the German Reich  
Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop

Agreement regarding secrecy of the "Secret Attached Agreement to the Agreement against the Communist Internationale" and inclosures.

Agreement exists between the two High Contracting States in considering the secret attached Agreement to the Agreement against the Communist Internationale as well as the inclosures I to IV as secret.

If it would be at some time in the interest of the two High Contracting States to inform third states about the contents of the secret agreement, then such an information may only take place upon a mutual understanding.

Berlin, 25 Nov. 1936, i.e.  
25 Nov. 11 Showa

(signed) JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP

Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of the German Reich

(signed) VICOMTE KINTOMO MUSHAKOJI

Imperial Japanese Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

SECRET ATTACHED AGREEMENT TO THE AGREEMENT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

The Government of the German Reich  
and  
The Imperial Japanese Government

In the recognition that the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is working toward the realization of the goal of the Communist International and wants to use its Army for this cause,

In the conviction that this fact not only threatens the existence of the High Contracting States, but World Peace in general in a most serious way,

Have agreed for the preservation of common interests as follows:

ARTICLE I

Should one of the High Contracting States become the object of an unprovoked attack or an unprovoked threat of attack by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the other High Contracting State obligates itself, not to carry out any measures which would, in their effect, be apt to relieve the position of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Should the case, mentioned in Clause I occur, the High Contracting States will immediately consult which measures they will use to preserve their common interests.

ARTICLE II

The High Contracting States will during the validity of this agreement and without mutual assent conclude no political treaties with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which do not conform to the spirit of this agreement.

ARTICLE III

The German as well as the Japanese texts will be regarded as the original of this agreement. It goes into force at the same time as the agreement against the Communist International which was signed today and has the same length of validity.

Witness thereof, the signatories, well and duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this agreement and have sealed it.

Done in duplicate at Berlin,  
the 25th of November 1936,  
i.e., the 25th of November of  
the 11th Year of Showa.

(signed) Joachim von Ribbentrop  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of the German Reich

(signed) Viscount Kintomo Mushakoji  
Imperial Japanese Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

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INCLOSURE III

Berlin, 25 November 1936.

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency, on the occasion of the signing to-day of the secret attached agreement to the Agreement against the Communistic International, that the German Government does not regard the provisions of the existing political treaties between the German Reich and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics -- such as the RAPALLO Treaty of 1922 and the Neutrality Treaty of 1926, in so far as they have not become null and void under the conditions existing at the time of the coming into effect of this Agreement -- as being in contradiction to the spirit of this Agreement and the obligations arising from it.

At the same time I take the opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest esteem for your Excellency.

(signed) JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP

Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of the German Reich

To:

His Excellency  
The Imperial Japanese Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,  
Viscount Kintomo Mushakoji

INCLOSURE I

Berlin, 25 November 11 Showa

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency, on the occasion of the signing today of the secret attached agreement to the Agreement against the Communist International, that the Japanese Government and the German Government are fully agreed on the following point:

The "political treaties" designated in Article II of the above secret attached agreement include neither fishery treaties nor treaties concerning concessions, nor treaties concerning border questions between Japan, Manchukuo and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the like, which may be concluded between Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

I should be obliged to your Excellency if I could be assured of the assent of the German Government to the above interpretation.

At the same time I take the opportunity to renew the assurance of my highest esteem for your Excellency.

Imperial Japanese Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

To:

His Excellency  
the Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of the German Reich,  
Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop

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CERTIFICATE

W. D. C. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
I. P. S. No. 1561

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Hayashi Kaoru hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief of Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ pages, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and described as follows: Anti-Comintern Pact between Japan and Germany dated Nov. 25, 1936, with attached protocols and letters relating thereto. I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Foreign Ministry  
Signed at Tokyo on this  
22nd day of August, 1946

K. Hayashi  
Signature of Official  
SEAL

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Official Capacity

Witness: Nagaharu Odo

Statement of Official Procurement

I, Richard H. Larsh, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business. Signed at Tokyo on this 24 day of Aug, 1946

Richard H. Larsh  
Investigator I. P. S.  
Official Capacity

Witness: Edward P. Monaghan