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Extract from a letter of Ambassador OTT - TOKYO - of 15 March, 1939
to Ministerial Director WIEHL.

..... In the question of our preferential treatment in
China I was able to gather from conversations in the Foreign Ministry
that Ambassador OSHIMA has actually telegraphed repeatedly in
accordance with our interests /in Unserem Sinne/. Generally I have
the impression that one is not inclined to admit in writing the
preferential treatment. As a way out, one is thinking of a de facto
preferential treatment which is to be confirmed solely by actual
deeds without written fixation. However, the actual deeds offered
by Japan up to now are not very encouraging.....

Signed OTT

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signed WIEHL

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s/ W. P. Cumming

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s/ G. H. Garde

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Berlin, 8 October 1940

MEMORANDUM

I informed the Japanese Ambassador on 4 October that we would like to make use of his offer, that Japan could buy raw materials from Netherlands East Indies for us, in excess of her own demands and pass them on to us. Regarding details of our wishes I handed him a note with the following contents: "3 million reichsmark in foreign bills of exchange for tin, rubber and castor-oil plants' seeds or castor oil. 1 million reichsmark in foreign bills of exchange for about 1,000 tons of spices. In the first place information is requested on the quantities that can be delivered, and the time of delivery. The amounts of foreign bills of exchange could be paid in full to the working association of the three biggest Japanese business concerns for a receipt and a declaration of obligation that the goods concerned would be handed over within a period of two months to the confidant on the German side in Dairen (Manchukuo). In the event of a part of the goods not being delivered before the expiry of the period of time, the firms promise to pay back the equivalent of the undelivered parts immediately in foreign bills of exchange according to German choice."

The Japanese Ambassador promised to telegraph my information to his government. He remarked, he would then suggest to his government that on acquiescence of our proposal on its part, it expresses the desire to obtain an enlarged market in Germany and the countries occupied by Germany or those economically dependent on Germany for such Japanese products, which Japan, due to the reaction to the Tripartite Pact, will probably not be able any more to sell in countries of English-American influence, to the previous extent. With regard to this I told the Ambassador that we would be pleased to examine such wishes.

(signed) WIEHL

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St. S. U. St. S. Pol, Pol VIII, DG W, W VII with the request to inform the departments and the Embassy in Tokyo.

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Berlin, 28 April 1941

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Work Program for the Economic Subcommittee of
The Tripartite Pact in Berlin.

I) The economic subcommittee has the task of advising what can be done between the countries belonging to the Tripartite Pact in order to secure mutual support, especially in the economic field, in war and in the postwar period. It lays down the results of its deliberations in proposals to the main commission. The individual negotiations necessary for the execution of the proposals after these have been approved by the main commission, will be conducted directly between the participating governments.

II) The economic sub^{com}mission will be charged with examining the possibilities of an accord and mutual support at first in the following fields:

- 1) In waging the commercial and economic war by economic measures (military measures are dealt with by the military subcommission).
- 2) In the procurement of raw materials.
- 3) In construction and extension of plans for military and defense economy preparations.
- 4) In the utilization and extension of trade routes.
- 5) In the promotion of economic combinations between the states belonging to the Tripartite Pact.

III) The examinations and proposals are at first to include the measures practicable and necessary for the period of the present war, but should also already now extend as far as possible to the preparations for the postwar period.

IV) In the beginning the possibilities existing between the three main powers are to be examined, but already now, as far as it is possible and necessary, the participation of the other states which have joined the Tripartite Pact is to be considered.

Internal Explanations

On 1) to 5)

On 1) Meant is, for instance, exchange of economic information between the governments and their representatives in neutral countries,

supervision of the trade of neutral countries with enemy countries, control of interference purchases in neutral countries, common economic pressure on neutral countries, economic measures to deprive the enemy of shipping space, measures against enemy property, common economic defence against foreign measures such as freezing of credit, confiscation of ships, etc. Whether joint measures for the running of the enemy blockade should be dealt with by the military or economic subcommission remains to be decided.

On 2) Mutual support in the procurement of raw materials will have to extend to purchasing, transporting and financing. Regarding transport measures compare No. 4).

On 3) Meant is mutual transmission of patents and licenses, granting of technical assistance, partnerships regarding capital.

On 4) Meant is:

a) Question concerning railways, for instance syntonisation of negotiations with Soviet Russia regarding use of the Siberian railway. In doing this the keeping secret of our arrangements with Russia must not be endangered. Therefore Italian procurements from the Far East by the Siberian railway must not come to light.

b) Questions of shipping, for instance improvement of the Japanese shipping lines to Vladivostok, the transport of raw materials from the Netherlands-Indies, Thailand, Indo-China, and China to Japan; later on also accord in the operation of the main routes of world shipping.

c) Questions regarding air transport, for instance establishment of the air-route Rome-Berlin-Tokyo, later on also accord regarding the main routes of world air transport.

On 5) Meant is, for instance, removal of orders and measures hindering or limiting exchange of goods; setting up of principles for future loan and currency policy, etc. To put the promotion of commercial intercourse also between the countries and areas under the de jure or de facto supremacy or the influence of Germany, Italy, and Japan, already now on the order of the day is not recommended, because that might lead to the discussion of questions not yet ripe for judgment, as, for instance, incorporation of the Netherlands Indies in the Great East Asia Sphere, direct trade of Germany with the countries of the Great East Asia Sphere, etc.

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