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From: Tokyo (TANI)
To: Vichy
February 17, 1943
JAE

Circular #107 (Message to Nanking #58)

(Code message for the Office Head)

We have an unimpeachable report (a message we deciphered) which shows that France, when she gives up her concessions and extra-territoriality in China, is going to furnish the Chungking diplomatic section with an explanatory statement. This action on the part of France is something which we cannot feature. France should have a care concerning the concession in Shanghai over which we are so worried and she may find herself in a very difficult position.

Your Excellency, therefore, will go immediately to the French officials and warn them and tell them that henceforth and forever they shall deal with no one other than the Nanking Government. I want you to be ever so careful that they cannot deduce that we have read their cipher message from the way you talk. I know you are plenty smart but I thought I would caution you.

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I have sent this to Vichy, Hanoi, Shanghai, and
Peking.

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