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From: Berlin
To: Tokyo
January 29, 1942
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#351 . (2 parts)

To the 11th section and the 18th section, from
HAYASHI.

I have been asked by the 11th section to investigate the use of cipher machines by the (German ?) war department and the Swedish war department, but because I have no facilities for secret investigation I cannot say definitely. However, for your information I am sending the following details which I have been able to find out.

1. Although we can assume that they are mostly using cipher machines, it is not certain to what extent they are equipped nor how much they use them. If our army could be equipped with cipher machines, from the standpoint of organization of the army and whether the production of machines can be adopted, and other details which would come to light.

2. The important thing about a cipher machine is the formula for its use. Thus it is necessary to produce

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a cipher machine which can still be used by changing the formula for use in case the machine itself should fall into the enemy's hands, or which can be altered in a variety of ways as needed.

3. At present no countries are making much progress in (solving ?) cipher machines.

4. I expect to send you ***** machine by the earliest available ship.

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First par: (German?) is based on an assumption of a garble of a word which, deciphered correctly, gives SIAM.

1. Although we can assume that they are mostly using cipher machines, it is not certain to what extent they are equipped nor how much they use them. We will determine later if our army could be equipped with cipher machines, from the standpoint of organization of the army and whether the production of machines can be adopted.

3. o.k. No changes.

4. Should be: "I will send you by the earliest secret sailing one of the machines used in Sweden."

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