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SUBJECT: TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND THAILAND.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the text of the Treaty Between Japan and Thailand Concerning the

Continuance

Continuance of Friendly Relations and the Mutual Respect of Each Other's Territorial Integrity, as appearing in the Official Gazette of December 28, 1940. The treaty was signed at Tokyo on June 12, 1940, and ratified by the Emperor on December 27, 1940.

A statement by the Information Board quoted in the Tokyo Nichi Nichi on December 25, 1940, declared: "The Treaty is one that makes a valuable contribution toward the political progress of East Asia now that Japan is devoting all her efforts to the establishment of a sphere of common prosperity in Greater East Asia. In view of the fact that the Treaty is not in its spirit and letter such a passive one as the so-called non-aggression treaty, but a progressive one, it is clear that both Japan and Thailand intend to make this treaty a basis of their friendly relations."

Although the language of this statement is somewhat obscure, it plainly expresses the view that the treaty is calculated to assist Japan in its task of establishing the New Order in East Asia, and the view that the new treaty goes beyond the scope of the conventional non-aggression pact.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph C. Grew

Enclosure:
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A true copy of the signed original.

Original and 4 copies to the Department.
Copy to Legation, Bangkok.

Enclosure No. 1 to despatch
No. 5256 of December 31, 1940,
from the Embassy at Tokyo.

TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND THAILAND CONCERNING THE CONTINUANCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND THE MUTUAL RESPECT OF EACH OTHER'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and His Majesty the King of Thailand,

being equally animated by the earnest desire of reaffirming and further strengthening the traditional bonds of friendship between Japan and Thailand, and

being convinced that the peace and the stability of East Asia is the common concern of the two States,

have resolved to conclude a treaty, and for that purpose have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

His Majesty the Emperor of Japan:

Hachiro Arita, Zyoosanmi, Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun, His Imperial Majesty's Minister for Foreign Affairs;

His Majesty the King of Thailand:

Phya Sri Sena, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan;

who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

Article 1.

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