From: Berlin (Oshima)
To: Tokyo (Matsuoka)
3 May 1941
(Purple-CA)

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Stahmer called on me this day (evening ?) and stating that this request was to be kept strictly secret, he said that Germany maintains a fairly reliable intelligence organization abroad (or "in the U.S."?), and according to information obtained from the above mentioned organization it is quite (or "fairly"?) reliably established that the U.S. government is reading Ambassador Nomura's code messages, and then asked that drastic steps should be taken regarding this matter.

There are at least two circumstances substantiating the above (suspicion). One circumstance is that Germany is reading our code messages — — — — . Regarding this, during my previous residency here, they were known to have a large scale cryptanalytic organization — — — — — — (unfinished - last two/thirds not available)

*In April 1945, tried to get copy of text to decode from GC+CS. They do not have it. See GC+CS 8311, 10th April 45 and GC+CS 01080, 28 April W33.

Navy worked on garbled part and evolved this translation JOM

2 copies
(1) Original, plus
(20 Gen. Mauborne
Found in Winckley's Safe F.
Not in SIS Bulletin file. F.

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