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TRAVIS from CORDERMAN

(Attention Lt. Col. Thompson)

Does Mr. Pa rkin, War Office liaison officer, have any information about a Japanese vessel which visited various points in the Pacific theatre some months ago for the probable purpose of distributing new code books or cipher instructions to Japanese army or naval installations?

It is my best recollocatin that Parkin, Jap. army War Office representative told me at B.P. that either he or the Jap naval section (or their respective ministries) had traced a single Japanese vessel moving from one army point to another, following which some important code change had taken place. This may be a type of "post hoc ergo propter hoc" inference---or may have some value.

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