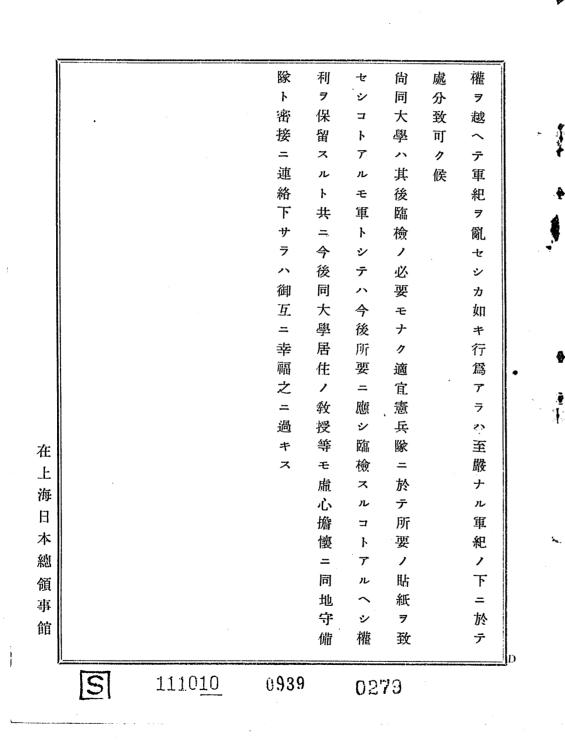


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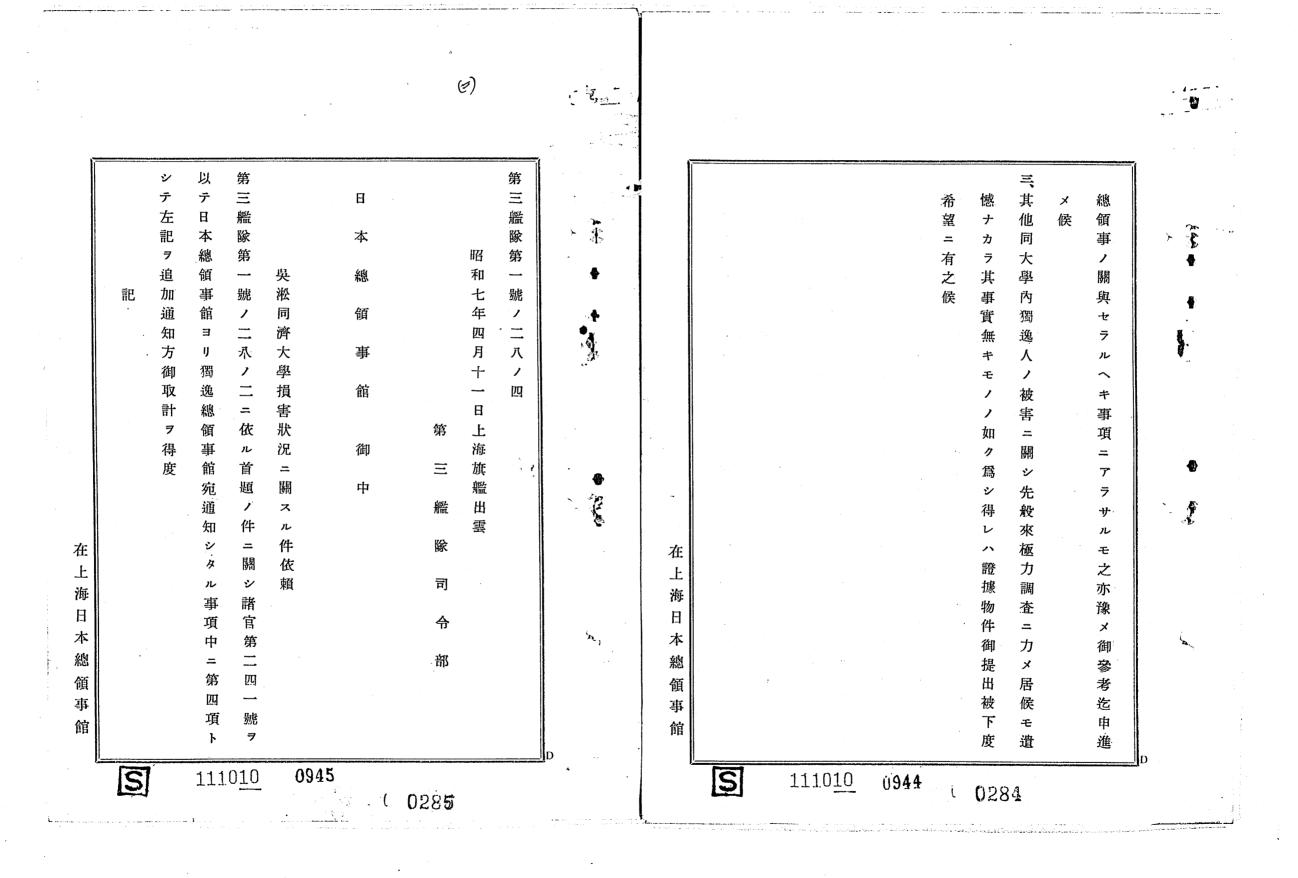
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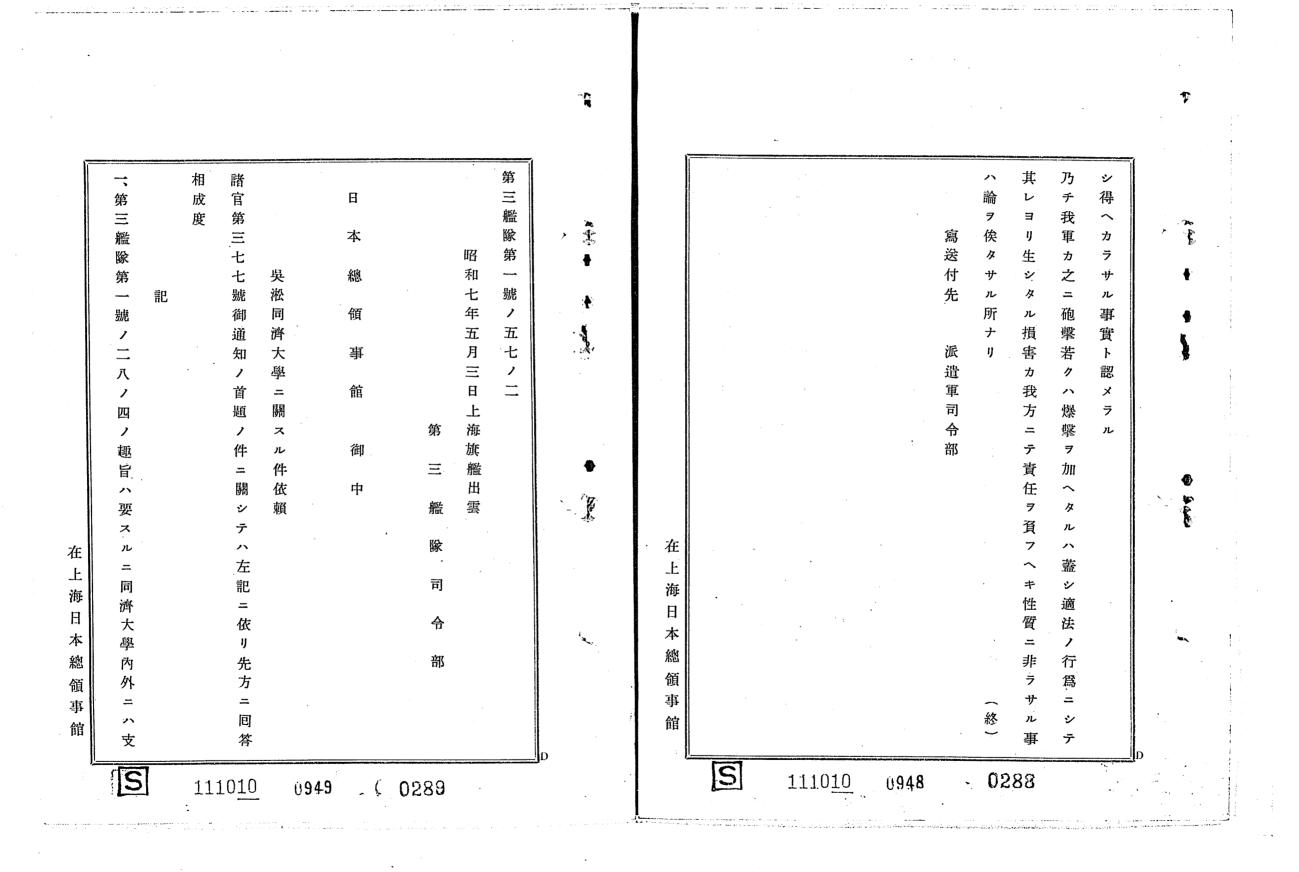
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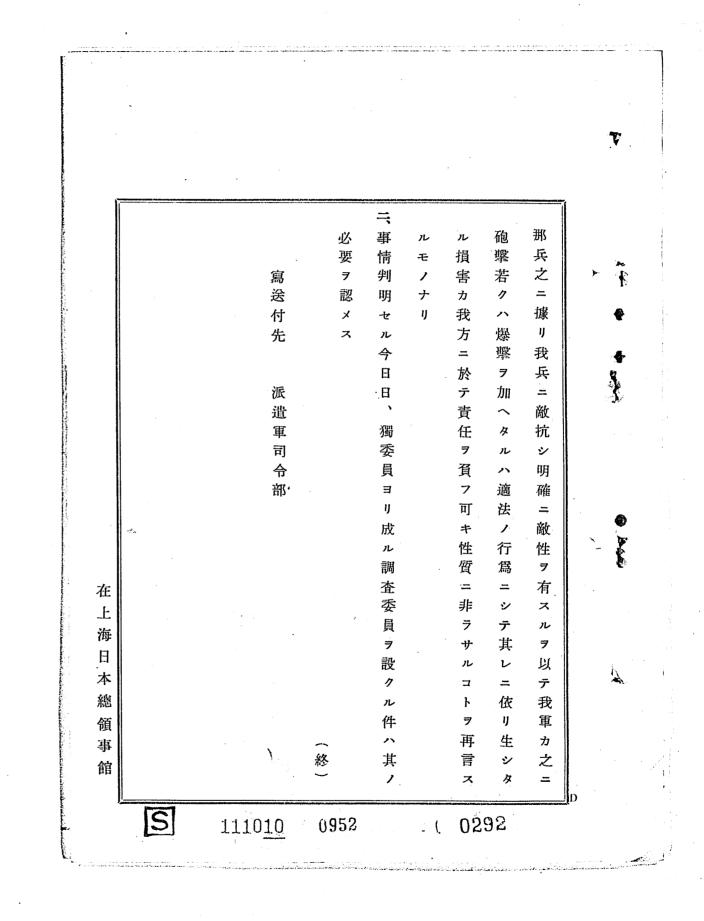
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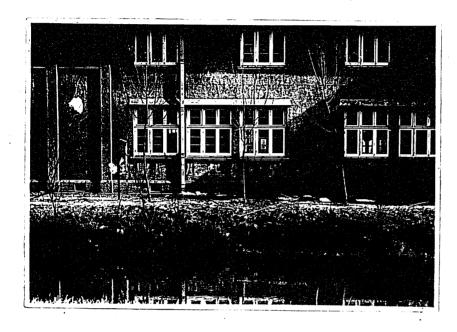
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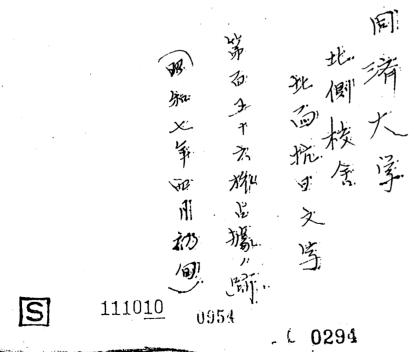
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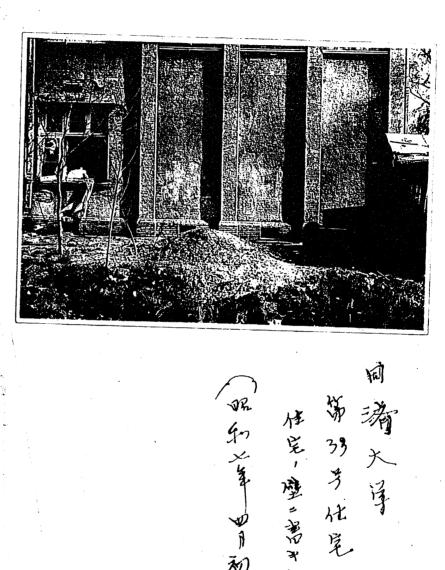


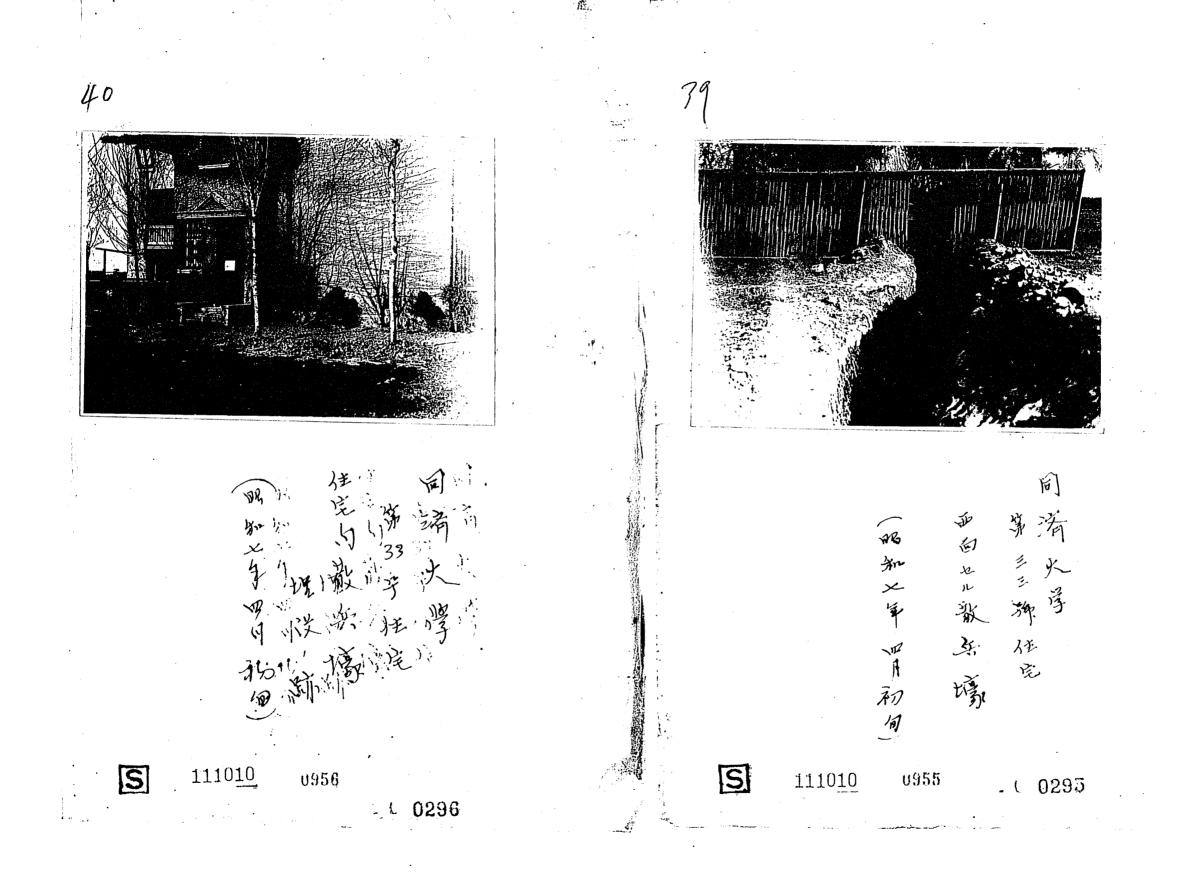
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the Japanese Military Authorities, then, informed the Japanese Consul-General, asking him to notify the professors, that they had better postpone their plan for the time being.

"A few days later, another application was made for the same purpose by the professors who appeared to be extremely anxious about the safety or otherwise of the documents or bibliographical records treasured within the premises of the said University.

"Thereupon, the Japanese Military Authorities, fully in sympathy with the feelings of scholars, approved of the free access by the professors to the compound of the University and accorded the professors every possible facility and assistance though the Military Authorities were not yet in a position to hold themselves responsible for the safety of the professors.

"However, as is known to the public, the said University is a China's national institution. There seem to be evidences that the 156th Brigade of the Chinese troops utilized the University as the base of their operations in the fighting area of Woosungchen.

"Inspection of the premises of the said institution by the Japanese Military Forces was carried out solely for the purpose of the maintenance of peace and order in that area. Owing to the fact, however, that the inspection of the premises was carried out in the night time and also in view of the ignorance of each other's language, it is not inconceivable that there was a lack of understanding between the inspection party and the professors who happened to be staying within the premises.

"Anyhow, investigations are being made by the Japanese gendarmerie authorities regarding the matter and in case it is proved that Japanese soldiers acted against the disciplines of the army, the Japanese Military Authorities are

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"It is to be added that there has since been no necessity of searching the said University and the Japanese gendarmerie authorities have caused necessary posters to be poted there. While reserving the right to inspect the premises of the University as occasion demands in future. The Japanese Military Authorities are inclined to believe that it would do much towards the mutual understanding if the professors of that institution would be good enough to keep in closer tough with the Japanese Military units which are on vigilance duty in that area."

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

Consul-General.

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carried on between the belligerent forces at that time.

- "\$2) The attitude of the Japanese forces, who have always respected the property of a third party and that of Chinese ditizens, remains unchanged.
- "(3) It will be appreciated if you will notify us of the evidences on which you claim that the looting of the University property and private belonging has been committed by Japanese soldiers and not by the Chinese troops who, be it remembered, had established their positions in the neighbourhood of the University before the Japanese forces occupied that area."

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

Consul-General.

Sir and dear Colleague,

In acknowledging the refeipt of your letter dated March 16th concerning the search of the compound of the Tungohi University and the private residences of the German professors as well as with reference to the personal representations which Consul Behrend in your name made to me on the afternoon of March 15th, I have the honour to state that the contents of your letter under reply were immediately transmitted to the Jpanese Military Authorities who have now requested me to inform you as follows:

"On March 4th, the Japanese Consul-General, upon receiving an application from the professors of the Tungchi University that they would be allowed to proceed to their educational institution by a steam-launch, despatched Chancellor Nakata to ascertain the intention in this regard of the Japanese Military Authorities.

"In view of the fact, however, that in those days, not only were remnants of the defeated Chinese troops and plain-clothes men making their frequent appearance but a large member of dangerous objects such as blind-shells, hand-grenades, etc. had been left behind in that area by the Chinese troops; and under such circumstances, as it was feared that some unto-ward danger might befall the party of the professors in question,

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party on the special mission of searching the German professors. Such was not the case. The patrol party were on duty for general purposes of keeping guard and especially to guard against and ferret out Chinese plain-clothes gunners who had not yet ceased to appear.

"5. In many of your passages you seem to be of the opinion that no military precaution was needed those days, 12 days after the occupation. It suffices merely to point out the fact that even a month after the order was issued for the cessation of hostilities on the part of the Japanese Authorities, sniping had not been stopped by Chinese plain-clothes gunmen.

Only a vigilant and thorough control enabled them to minimize the more frequent recurrence. The danger was still there, and every precaution was necessary.

"6. You seem to take the view that an apology ought to be forthcoming for the conducts of Japanese soldiers who were then in an abnormal situation and under the most strained circumstances. Regrettable, possibly, their methods might have been, uncalledfor their misgivings might have been under ordinary circumstances, yet the Japanese Military Authorities are unable to believe that those conducts call for a formal, official apology, besides what have already been stated to you before, namely: those who are found guilty of the Japanese military discipline will be voluntarily punished by proper authorities."

I have the honour to be,
Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

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Consul-General

Sir and dear Colleague,

In reply to your communication dated March 17th, in further reference to the Tung. Chi University at Woosung, I have the honour to state that the contents of your letter were transmitted to our Military and Naval authorities and that while the former's reply has already been notified you in my letter dated March 21st, the latter, our Naval authorities, have requested me to inform you as follows:

"(1) It is to be greatly regretted that in the execution of bombardments and bombings by our forces upon the Chinese troops who were engaged in fights against our forces with their bases of operations in the Woosung Forts as well as in the sector of Woosung-chen, some damages have been caused to the said University by stray shells or fragments thereof.

It will be taken for granted, however, that such was entirely unavoidable in the circumstances where furious engagements were being / carried .....

Baron Rudt von Collenberg,

Consul General for Germany,

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Sir and dear Colleague,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of March 28th concerning the alleged intrusion of Japanese soldiers into the compound of Tungchi University, etc. In reply, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the view of the Japanese Military authorities:

"1. The University in question is within the area of hostile activities of the Chinese Army. The Japanese Military authorities are now convinced that it has not only been utilized as a shield and protective agency by Chinese soldiers but actually allowed itself to be used as the base of Chinese operations which fact is responsible for the attack by the Japanese forces.

"2. As regards the residences of the German professors, they were located within the compound, and had always been open to doubt whether they were really entitled to such protection or guarantee as expected by the German Professors. Moreover, some of them were actually occupied by the Chinese Army as exemplified, among others, by the trenches which

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were constructed in and around one of them. If
you are not satisfied with these findings the
Japanese Military authorities will be pleased to
show you the photographs which were taken by them
on the spot some days ago. Under the circumstances
the Japanese Military authorities see no justifiable
grounds why those residences should be given any
special protection different from the buildings of
the University itself.

"3. Inasmuch as the premises were occupied in the way above stated, one can hardly be expected to raise any objection with any justification against the Japanese patrol, inspection and other measures necessary for military controlm after the Japanese occupation of the Woosung area. However, in deference to your communications and prompted by the thought of safeguarding the security of foreign nationals, the Japanese Military authorities used special precaution.

"4. Regarding the alleged rude behaviour of Japanese soldiers, the Japanese Military authorities think that it was due, undoubtedly, largely to the language difficulty. You opined that "it seems inconceivable that no officer (Japanese) was in command who could have made himself understood in English or even in German, especially as the Military authorities must have been aware in consequence of my repeated efforts to obtain protection and safety for the German professors, that they had not to deal with Chinese soldiery, but with educated and peaceful people". You appear to be under the impression that the Japanese Military authorities had sent out the patrol

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and dormitories are situated, there have been discovered traces of wire-entanglements, whereas a meanidering shelter-trench facing westward is constructed in the section to the north of the house No.33, a professor's residence, situated to the south-west of the University, and the left wing of this trench extends to the southern fence penetrating through the yard of the above professor's residence.

"At the entrance to this yard, the fence is cut open over one metre in width, thereby leaving a marked trace of the sweeping fire of automatic fire-arms having been facilitated.

"Another shelter-trench constructed in parallel to the above trench goes into the yard of the said
professor's residence at the northern corner
thereof, and on the embankment of the junction of
the creeks south-west of the same residence, an independent trench with an extensive shooting range
is constructed, which presents an indisputable fact
that the trenches above-mentioned constitute both
offence and defence bases of the Chinese troops.

"In other words, the University in question possessed direct and complete military equipments at its important points liable to be attacked and has consequently, it may be said, forfeited the character of its being pacific structure.

"It is also worth noting that on the outer wall of the dormitory facing the creek in the north of the University, enti-Japanese inscriptions in large

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characters, meaning "Rise up, all brethren throughout the country and direct a united front against Japan, - the 156th Brigade", are written on two prominent places.

"Such being the facts of the case, it must be considered that there is no room for refuting the inference that the dormitory of the said University has been utilized as the barracks of the Chinese troops.

"Moreover, the fact that even so late as April 7th, military caps of Chinese regulars were seen left behind within the compound of the said University undeniably proves that this educational establishment and its vicinity served the Chinese troops as their defence position and base of hostile operations against the Japanese force. Viewed from foregoing facts, it is quite warrantable and justifiable that our forces directed their bombardment and bombing attacks against the Chinese positions referred to above, and it goes without saying that the damages caused thereby are not of such a nature for which the Japanese forces should be fold responsible."

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedtent servant,

Consul-General.

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April 14, 1932.

other German interests by the events of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Signed: Baron Rudt von Collenberg,

Consul General for Germany.

K. Murai, Esquire,
Consul General for Japan,
Shanghai.

Sir and dear Colleague,

In supplement to my letter dated March 28th concerning the damages caused to the German property within the compound of the Tung Chi University at Woosung, I have the honour to inform you that the Japanese Naval authorities have requested me to add the following as the fourth item (4) in their remarks:

"As a result of the close survey of the compound of the Tung Chi University carried out by the Japanese Navy, there have been discovered many evidences endorsing the fact that the area, in which the said University and its faculty's residences are located, was utilized by the Chinese troops for their military purposes.

"In the first place, the outer walls of the Chinese houses near the roads shaped T to the southeast of the front-gate of the University in question bear a sign indicating the locality of the Tangpu of the 5th Infantry Regiment of the 156 Brigade of the Chinese troops, whereas at two points nearby, standing fire trenches facing eastward are constructed. At the same time, in the section, near the northern end of the University, where the middle-school class-rooms

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Baron Rudt von Collenberg,

Consul General for Germany,

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アジア歴史資料センター

SHANGHAI, April 27th, 1932.

Sir and dear Colleague,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 14th, 1932, concerning the damages caused to German property within the compound of the Tung Chi University, and I wish to state in reply that it is not my intention and that I do not feel competent to discuss the responsibility for the mentioned damages. But as the Japanese Naval Authorities seem to have drawn from certain evidences the conclusion that the Tung Chi University and its vicinity has served the Chinese troops as their defence position and basis of military operations against the Japanese forces, I believe it my duty for justice sake to communicate to you a few facts which seem to entitle me to question to a certain extent the correctness of the findings of your Naval Authorities.

- 1. In the first instance there were undoubtedly no Chinese soldiers on the compound of the University when the bombarding and bombing attacks causing damage to different buildings started on February 3rd. Whether during the subsequent absence of the German teachers the one or other of the buildings were temporarily used for quarters or for shelter by Chinese military units is beyond my knowledge. Anyway according to my information it will be difficult to prove that the compound of the University has served to Chinese troops as a defence position or basis of military operations.
- 2. The houses near the roads shaped T are Chinese eating houses lying outside the compound of the University and forming no part of the educational premises.
- 3. The wire-entanglements mentioned in your letter have been set on March 10th by the German teachers in order to prevent thieves from entering the compound.
- 4. The trenches near the house No.33 are situated outside the compound of the University, while those on the compound 111010 0970

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have been constructed by the Germans for their own safety and in fact the latter have found shelter there with their wifes, children and servants during the bombardment of February 3rd.

- 5. The conjecture that the dormitory facing the creek near the northern end of the compound has been utilized as barracks of the Chinese troops is not correct according to my knowledge.
- 6. Finally as to the military caps supposed having been left behind within the compound of the University, your Naval Authorities might not be aware, but it will be known to you as well as to my self that long before the hostilities started the Chinese University students were equipped for military training, with which training however the German teachers were in no way connected. Thus the cap which was found on the compound on March loth, when Mr. Nakada of your Consulate General with Consul Behrend visited Tung Chi was undoubtedly a student's cap natwithstanding its military form. Whether the cap found on April 7th belonged to the same category or was left behind by playing children, is open to doubt and scarcely a conclusive proof of military activities.

Should there remain any doubts with regard to the correctness of my above statements, I should propose that for the same of removing any differences of opinion a joint Japanese-German Commission examine the matter locally.

In conclusion I wish to say that even assuming that the Japanese forces for some reason or other were justified to direct their bombarding and bombing attacks against the premises of the University, the question still remains open whether neutral and peaceful inhabitants of the premises should be left suffering from damages caused by military activities in which they took no part. As I have no authority to decide such question I have as mentioned in my letter to you of March 17th, 1932, informed both sides of the damages inflicted upon German private property and

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"(3) As regards the fourth item mentioned in your letter, it must be mentioned that whether the trenches outside and inside of the compound were constructed by the Chinese troops for their operations or by the German professors for their own safety can be easily judged at the first glance of the actual scene there.

"(4) As for the fifth item, it will be pointed out that as any one may easily find out in the old fighting zones, the Chinese troops had inscribed in large Chinese characters their regimental or brigade numbers as well as their anti-Japanese alogans on some prominent places of their garrison posts.

"In view of the foregoing fact, there can be no mistake about the assumption that the Chinese troops were billeted on the dormitories of the University, which may be judged from those inscriptions on the outside of their walls.

"15) As to the sixth item in your letter, it is to be mentioned that the Japanese Military authorities are in possession of postive evidences of the fact that the military caps, shoes, over-coats and uniforms used by Chinese soldiers, which had been scattered about within the compound of the Tung Chi University as well as in the creek nearby, were most carefully removed by the authorities of the University.

"Many of these things were seen on or about March 15th, some sinking to the bottom of the creek and the others floating on the surface thereof.

"(6) All things considered, the Japanese Mili $_{\bar{p}}$  tary authorities are constrained hereby to declare that it

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is not within their scope to make their further reply to such irresponsible statements."

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

S. Iguchi, Consul, For Consul-General

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Sir and dear Colleague,

In acknowledgeing the receipt of your letter dated the 9th instant, concerning claims for the damages to Tung Chi University, I have the honour to state that the contents of the said letter had been referred to the Military authorities, from whom I have received a reply to the following effect:

"In view of the fact that the said University is a Chinese institution and that the damages done to the institution were primarily and directly due to the military operations of the Chinese troops in and around the University, the Japanese authorities cannot bring themselves to the position that they should be held responsible for the damages. It appears more appropriate and advisable for the party concerned to file its claims with the Chinese authorities in this connection".

I have the honour to be, etc.

Signed: S. Iguchi, Consul, for Consul-General.

Baron Rudt von Collenberg,

Consul General for Germany.

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May 9th, 1932.

Sir and dear Colleague,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 27th with further reference to the damages caused to German property within the compound of the Tung Chi University.

I wish to state in reply that the Japanese Military authorities, to whom the contents of your letter were transmitted, have furnished me with their reply which is quoted below for your information:-

"(1) The area both within and without the compound of the Tung Chi University at Woosung having been indisputably utilized by the Chinese troops as their base of offensive and resisting operations against the Japanese forces, it is only natural that the latter directed their shells and bombs upon the former entrenched in that area.

The Japanese authorities, therefore, are constrained to reiterate that they would not take upon themselves any responsibility for the damages caused by the hostilities above-mentioned.

"(2) At the present juncture when the facts are clearly established, the Japanese Military authorities do not find it necessary to get the matter examined by a joint Japanese-German Commission.

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Baron Rudt von Collenberg,

Consul General for Germany,

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Shanghai, March 15th, 1932.

# DEUTSCHES GENERALCONSULAT . SHANGHAI

Sir and dear Colleague,

I have the honour to inform you that according to reports just received from the German professors residing at the Tung Chi University a detachment of Japanese soldiers yesterday entered the premises of the University looking through the different University buildings and private residences of the German professors, the purpose of their arbitrary action being unknown.

As you are presumably aware and as Mr.Nakada who visited the University on the 10th.inst. probably has reported to you, German interests cultural as well as financial and substantial are invested in the University, her machinery, buildings, scientific institutes, apparatusses, libraries etc. altough the University as such is a Chinese Government institution, not to mention the private residences of the German professors and teachers.

I am completely at a loss to understand on which authority and for which purposes Japanese soldiers entered the premises of the University invading the University buildings and private residences of German citizens.

K. Murai, Esquire,

Japanese Consul General

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I beg leave to bring the foregoing facts to your knowledge and to request you to take immediate and effective steps in order to prevent similar occurrences in future. As to my opinion an immediate information of the Japanese military and naval authorities seems urgent as well as the request that they give strictest orders for rank and file of the Japanese soldiers and marines not to enter the University premises, butldings and private residences.

As arranged by Consul Behrend with Mr.Nakada on the 10th.inst. posters issued or sealed by the competent Japanese military or naval authorities ought to be provided for and fixed at the entrance doors of the University compound. These posters, which Mr.Nakada promised to provide without delay have so far not yet been handed over to this Consulate General or to the authorities of the Tung Chi University.

An early reply on what steps you have taken in this matter will be much appreciated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

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Consul General for Germany,

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GERMAN CONSULATE-GENERAL,

Shanghai, April 9th, 1932.

K. Murai, Esquire,

Consul-General for Japan,
Sir and dear Colleague,

With reference to my different letters drawing your kind attention to the German interests invested in the Tung Chi University at Woosung, I have the honour to inform you that according to news received from the German professors Japanese officers in the course of the last few days inspected the University's compound, apparently with a view to investigate into the possibility of quartering Japanese troops within the compound of the University.

Although according to news published in to-day's papers on the negotiations for the cessation of hostilities "it was stipulated that institutions of higher learning including the Medical College of the Central University, Tung-Chi University and the Chung Kuo Kung Hsueh shall not be used by the Japanese troops" I beg to draw your attention to the fact that repair of the damaged buildings of the Tung Chi University is under work and that as soon as the buildings are sufficiently repaired the regular courses of the University will be taken up again at Woosung. Furthermore the German professors although they hold their lectures temporarily at Shanghai partly live in Woosung and use the University's buildings and technical and scientific institues for their private studies.

I trust that under these circumstances quartering of Japanese soldiers within the compound of the Tung Chi University will not be taken into consideration by the Japanese Military Authorities.

I have the honour

The Mayor of Greater Shanghai will be informed accordingly Looking forward for an early reply,

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

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private residences and their plants furnitures, fittings, materials etc. by the Japanese artillery and aerial bombardement the by far greater part of the rest of all easily moveable and valuable or useful belongings of the University as well as of the private property of the professors and teachers have been leoted by soldiers and civilians since the professors and teachers were forced by the heavy bombardement of the Japanese artilery and Aeroplanes to evacuate the University compound and their houses on February 8th without having sufficent time and suitable means of transport to move neither the University belongings nor their own. There are reliable witnesses at hand that at least after the return of some of the professors and teachers who were prevented by the advice of the Japanese military authorities from proceeding to Woosung before the 12th inst., the date when the passports issued by your Consulate General had been sealed by the Japanese military headquarters ( a few of the professors and teachers only having returned to their houses on the 7th inst. already) that Japanese soldiers took part in the wholesale looting which latter had the effect that the University as well as the professors and teachers practically lost all their masily moveable belongings and valuables including clothes, linen of every kind, curtains, blinds, carpets and rugs, quills and blankets. With the exception of two houses where the inner doors had been left unlocked there seems to be not a single door on the shole compound which has not been smashed by forces or the panelling of which has not been partly cut out or broken into by the looters who by such means forced their entrance into the locked rooms.

The house of Professor Stuebel, as I was reliably told,

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Which being the property of the Whangpoo River Conservancy Board was situated in closer vicinity to the Woosung Forts than the University itself, has totally desappeared, the former site of the house only being traced by two chimneys towering above the rests of the foundation walls of the house which having been demolished by the Japanese artillery and aerial bombardment burnt completely out, so that Professor Stuebel claims the total loss of his private property with the exception of a very few things which he was able to take with him when he was forced to evacuate his residence."

Whereas the damages done to the University buildings and to the private residences of the German professors and teachers have been caused by the Japanese artillery and aerial bombardment,

Whereas Japanese soldiers took part in the wholesale looting of the University property and private belongings,

Wereas as I pointed out in my previous letters German interests cultural as well as financial and substantial have been invested in the Tung Chi University and

Whereas German private property has been destroyed and looted.

I have the honour to bring to your knowledge the foregoing statement and to ask you to inform the competent Japanese
authorities accordingly reserving at the same time all further steps
in connection with a compensation for the manages done and the losses
sustained.

A detailed specification of the damages caused to the buildings and of the losses sustained by the University and by private German individuals will be presented to you as soon as it is possible to verify the exact amount of them.

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Shanghai, March 17th, 1932.

Sir and dear Colleague,

With reference to my previous letters of February the 7th and February the 9th, concerning the Tung Chi University at Woosung, I have the honour to inform you that on the 10th inst. Consul Behrend of this Consulate General, accompanied as you know by Mr. Nakada of your Consulate General, proceeded to Woosung in order to verify after the retreat of the Chinese troops from Woosung and after the occupation of Woosung by the Japanese forces the damages caused to the University buildings and the private residences of the German professors and teachers by the Japanese artillery and aerial bombardement.

The statement made by Mr. Behrend on his own observations in as follows:

"Except the carpenters workshop and a smaller administration building in pavillon style all University buildings and private residences of the German professors and teachers, the latter being situated within the original compound of the University as well as outside of it, suffered more or less damages, especially on the roofs and those sides of the buildings looking to the Whangpoo mouth wherefrom the Japanese warships opened fire on the Woosung Forts and the Chinese troops stationed at Woosung village.

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Particularly heavy damages have been done to the roof of the machine-house, the adjoining electro-technical laboratory which has been nearly totally destroyed by an aerial bomb, the building where the psychological and physical institutes were housed and the anatomy. The roofs and partily the fronts of the main University building, of the boarding schools and the middle schools have been damaged more or less by well - aimed shells of calibers up to 15 cm.

The big machines of the machine-house suffered less whereas the machines, apparatuses, fittings and materials in the electrotechnical laboratory have been completely destroyed with a few exceptions and the scientific apparels, materials and liberies of the psychological and physical institute and those of the anatomy have been partly or tatally destroyed or they have been rendered useless.

Machines, apparels, fittings and all sorts of materials which are in the machine-house or in the upper stories of the above-mentioned institutes are since March the 4th when occasional rainy weather prevailed exposed to total deterioration by rain and water.

The private residences of the professors and teachers without a single exception were heavily damaged on the roofs and in the
upper stories where the furniture and the other private belongings
of the inhabitants have partly been destroyed beyond recognition.
Some of the living and sleeping rooms situated in the upper stories
and in the attics can be intered and passed only step by step over
heaps of wreckage and fragments.

Aside from the damage done to the University buildings and private

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cold and excitement. The soldiers had invaded her sleeping room and one of them sitting on the bed examined a shotgun which was left in the house by Mr. Slotnarin. In order to prevent an accident I unloaded the gun, the soldier however demanded the delivery of the cartridges which I had laid aside throwing the shot-gun over his shoulder. Finally we succeded in persuading the two soldiers to leave the house. Thereupon they left the compound and did not return for the same night."

These are the bare facts laid down in the report signed by Professor Dr. List and Professor Dr. Wagner, both having been professors at German Universities already before joining the Tungchi University, i.e. most reliable and trustworthy personalities who are prepared to give any further evidence if required as well as the other eye-witnesses.

With a view to the foregone report I have to lodge hereiwth the most earnest and energetic protestations against this illegal brutal, and arbitrary behaviour of soldiers of the Japanese army who invaded the private residences of peaceful German citizens on Chinese territory, threatened them with their rifles and fixed bayonets, intruded their private rooms, asking them to be shown to females, apparently to ravish them, forced a German lady out of her bed in nightime and seized the property of a German citizen by brutal force.

Altough through your kind intermediary the commander of the Japanese forces who was personally approached by Consul Behrend Mr. Nakada and one of the professors still last night took, as I hope, suitable and defficient, provisional steps for the protection of the Germans living in the Tungchi University by ordering the Japanese gendarmerie nommander to

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I have to ask you again to inform the Japanese military authorities without the least possible delay of what has happened, requesting them to open thorough investigations of the case, to punish the soldiers according to law and right, to issue orders to officers and soldiers of the Japanese army and navy in and around Shanghai that the compound of the Tungchi University, its dependencies and the private residences of the German professors and teachers ought under no circumstances whatever be entered or invaded upon and to provide for corresponding posters in Japanese language to be fixed at the gates of the University compound and its dependencies.

I am withholding the report to my Government on this occurrence until I have been favoured with your answer on the measures which have been taken by the Japanese authorities for an effective protection of the German citizens residing at the Tungchi University and for a prevention of similar accidents in the future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

Consul General for Germany.

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Sir and dear Colleague,

In pursuance of my letter of yesterday's date referring to the invasion of the compound of the Tungchi University and the private residences of the German professors
and teachers and with reference to the personal representations which Consul Behrend in my name made to you yesterday afternoon, I have the honour to inform you of the report of several German professors residing at the Tungchi
University the contents of which have already been brought
to your knowledge in rough translation through Mr. Behrend.

A correct translation of the report of the professors, dated March the 15th, which reached me at the same day through the intermediary of one of the professors at about 4 p.m. runs as follows:

"The situation out here is growing worse from day to day. We are molested everywhere by marauding Japanese soldiers who are strolling about and try to take with them whatever they can get. So far however we had always succeded to persuade them to render things which had been taken by them.

Last night (the night from the 14th. to the 15th. inst.) the situation grew substantially worse. Four Japanese

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Japanese soldiers with rifles and fixed bayonets at about 10 p.m. invaded some of our houses, especially houses Nr.4 and 6, and stirred us up from sleeping. At first we succeeded by kindly taling to them in persuading the soldiers who apparently have been drunken to leave the houses and even the University compound. But about 11 p.m. they returned and forced their way into the houses shouting and crying.

In house Nr.6 where I (Professor Dr. Wagner) and Mr. Brust are sleeping they insisted threatening us with their rifles and bayonets that every room be opened. For example they asked for the delivery of my hand-lamp which of course I refused to do. After having searched the house from the top to the bottom they left my house and took their way to the main gate of the compound so that we were under the impression that they were going to leave for good.

Meanwhile the following had happened in house Nr.4:

A wholesale search of this house in which Professor List was sleeping was demanded by Japanese soldiers in the course of which the soldiers sat down in the sleeping room on the beds and chairs starting to drink wine which they had brought with them. Threatening professor List and his Chinese assistant staying with him they demanded to be shown to females. It was only with the greatest efforts that they could be induced after a long while to leave the house.

The soldiers or two of them meanwhile also had invaded house Nr.8 where Mrs. Slotnarin (the wife of the dean of the Technical Department of the Tungchi University) was sleeping, nobody else being in the house except her Chinese servant. They demanded to be shown through the whole house taking Mrs. Slotnarin between their fixed bayonets all the time. The servant called myself and Mr. Brust and hurrying over to house Nr.8 we met Mrs. Slotnarin totally disconcerted and trembling from

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soldiers. I may presume that in accordance with my previous demands not only the Japanese Military units which are on vigilance duties in the area in question but all Japanese soldiers and marines in and around Shanghai have received instructions not to enter the compound of the University without due authorisation to be produced on the sopt.

In view of the foregoing I am unable to accept the explanation of the Japanese Military Authorities that the "inspection of the premises of the said institution was carried out solely for the purpose of the maintenance of peace and order in that area". On the contrary the peace and order reestablished on the compound of the Tung-Chi University after the return of the German professors has been wantonly disturbed and broken into by Japanese soldiers whose procedure called for an immediate apology from the side of the Japanese Military Authorities towards me, as the representative of the German citizens residing within the province of this Consulate General. I refrained from asking for such an apology in my previous letter as I was convinced that in accordance with the wide-known courtesy of the officers of the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy in would come forward without having been asked for.

I wish to add one more remark: With the object in view to avoid as far as it is in my power any illfeelings and to preserve strictest neutrality in the present crisis in accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have directed my efforts, as far

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as I am aware successfully, against any mentioning in the local and the German Press of the incident which I regarded never as a typical but as an exceptional one, as might happen in all armies of the world. I confidently expected that the professors and the lady in question would receive full satisfaction without giving publicity to their outraged feelings. Should however my expectations be defeated, you will understand that I shall be exposed to the reproach that by my discretion I may have prevented a more satisfactory result.

I however entertain the hope that I shall soon receive an acceptable communication from you will regard to the investigations referred to in your letter.

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Your obedient servant,

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be staying within the premises."

But even supposing that an "inspection" was carried out and that in view of the ignorance of each other's language there might have been a lack of understanding between the parties concerned, it seems inconveitable that no officer was in command who could have made himself understood in English or even in German, especially as the Military Authorities must have been aware in consequence of my repeated efforts to obtain protection and safety for the German professors, that they had not to deal with Chinese soldiery, but with educated and peaceful people.

Furthermore the following questions remain open:

- a) On what authority do Japanese soldiers inspect private residences of peaceful German citizens on Chinese territory?
- b) Why has this inspection been carried out during night-time?
- c) How is it to be explained that the soldiers were apparently in a drunken state and that they carried wine with them which they consumed in the sleeping rooms of a private residence sitting down on beds and chairs?
- d) On what authority and for what purpose did the soldiers ask for the delivery of Professor Wagner's handlamp and did they carry away

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- Which circumstances caused the soldiers to use violence when asking to be shown through the houses, and to take a peaceful German lady between their fixed bayonets during their "inspection"?
- f) Does it fall under the duties of "inspecting" soldiers to demand to be shown to females? and finally
- What has been the real purpose of an inspection twelve days after the cessation of hostilities in Woosung and the withdrawal of all Chinese soldiers?

As the last sentaence of the statement of the Japanese Military Authorities I am anxious to learn by which means and with which Japanese Military units the German professors are asked to keep on closer touch. I am sure the German professors will willingly accept such advice, although I cannot see any reasons for inspections of the premises of the University in future and I hope of course that under no circumstances whatever any further inspections will include the private residences of the German professors and teachers. I am informed that the compound of the University since the occurence in question has been under the protection of the Japanese gendarmerie, which protection at least so far proved more effective and satisfactory than occasional "inspections" by Japanese

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DEUTSCHES GENERAL CONSULAT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, March 28th, 1932.

Sir and dear Colleague,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 21st concerning the intrusion of Japanese soldiers into the compound of the Tung-Chi University and the private residences of the German professors and teachers at Woosung.

In reply I feel constrained to inform you that the statement of the Japanese Military Authorities which you were good enough to communicate to me, afforded me satisfaction exclusively by the information contained in the second last passage of your letter, saying that investigations are being made by the Japanese gendarmerie authorities regarding the matter and that in case it be proved that Japanese soldiers acted aginst the disciplines of the army, the Japanese military authorities were ready to deal with them in accordance with the martial law.

Also I gratefully acknowledge the assistance and facilities accorded to the German professors by the Military Authorities when they desired to return to the University

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University, and I am especially obliged to yourself for having despatched Chancellor Nakata to Woosung in order to prevent possible difficulties and inconveniences.

Whereas I am at a loss to understand which evidences could have inducted your Military Authorities to suspect that the 156th Brigade of the Chinese troops had utilized the University as the base of their operations in the fighting area of Woosungchen. As I have already pointed out in my letter of February 19th and as Mr. Nakata must have reported to you on his own observations during his visit to the Tung Chi University on the 10th instant, there was not the slightest evidence that Chinese troops were even temporarily camped on the compound of the University. I therefore feel inclined to take the wording of the statement of the Japanese Military Authorities that "there  $\underline{\mathtt{seem}}$  to be evidences" as a proof that there  $\underline{\mathtt{are}}$ none as long as no such evidences have been produced.

The statement of your Military Authorites contunues:

"Inspection of the premises of the said institution by the Japanese Military Forces was carried out solely for the purpose of the maintenance of peace and order in that area. Owning to the fact, however, that the inspection of the premises was carried out in the night time and also in view of the ignorance of each other's language, it is not inconceivable that there was a lack of understanding between the inspection party and the professors who happened to S

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broken the panel of the door leading to one of the speeping rooms and were just invading the room climbing over a wardrobe placed next to the smashed door and overthrown by them. The wardrobe had come down on a chair, both (wardrobe and chair) having been damaged. shortly before the appearance of the soldiers the apartment in question had been locked. The soldiers had forced their way into the house by smashing another door in the servants-quarters.

I first tried to speak to the soldiers in a most energentical manner and as they could not understand me I showed them my passport, sealed by the Japanese Military Authorities which they went trough very slowly with increasing embarassment. Thereupon I tried to hold up the soldiers in order to report them to the Japanese Gendarmerie Officers who were expected to come over here. The soldiers however becoming aware of my intention left the house on their heels and ran into the surrounding country.

It seems to me that the foregoing statements afford sufficient proof that, as I put it in my letter of March the 17th, page 3 and 4, "Japanese soldiers took part in the wholesale looting" and substantial conclusions might be drawn on what had happened during the days before the return of the German professors and teachers.

Thanking you for informing the Japanese Naval Authorities accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

Signed. Consul General for Germany.

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April 18th, 1932.

Sir and dear Colleague:

In reply to your letter dated April 9th informing me that according to news you have received from the German professors of the Tung Chi University at Woosung, Japanese officers recently inspected the University's Japanese officers recently inspected the University's compound, apparently with a view to investigating into the possibility of quartering Japanese troops within the compound of the University, I have the honour to state that the Japanese Military authorities, to whom the contents of your letter have been referred, have funished me with their reply to the effect that as long as there will be no change in the present situation, the Japanese military have no intention of billeting any Japanese units in the compound of the University.

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

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Shanghai, May 6th, 1932.

Sir and dear Colleague,

With reference to item (3) of your letter of the 28th March where evidences were asked for by the Japanese Naval Authorities concerning the looting by Japanese soldiers of the property of the Tung Chi University and the private property of the German professors and teachers. I have the honour to communicate to you the following statements of German eyewitnesses:

1) From March the 7th a.c. on I stayed at the Tung Chi University. At different times and occasions I met Japanese soldiers on the compound of the Tung Chi University and within the different buildings. On one of the first days after my return to Woosung I saw a Japanese soldier coming from the compound of the University who carried a bundle on his back and an elephant made of bronze which was recognized as the property of one of the Chinese assistants of the University. The soldier did not listen to my calling but hastened his steps. I did not follow him as in the vicinity smaller troops of Japanese soldiers strolled around and I was afraid of difficulties arising from following them.

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During the following days I repeatedly met Japanese soldiers, three, four or five together, in the University or boarding-school's building who had taken away linen, washing basins, cooking utensils, photographic albums, periodicals, pictures etc. and who were on their way to steal away. It was only on account of my energetic attempts to prevent them to carry away those objects that they mostly laid them down at the place where they were taken from.

2) During the night from the 14th to the 15th of March a.c. about mit-night when I was asleep two Japanese soldiers came to my lodgings and compelled me with fixed byonets to take them around all over my house. In the dining room where I had been sleeping one of the soldiers seized a shot-gun. Meanwhile called by my house coolie one of the professors and another German resident came around; one of them unloaded the gun and put the ammunition on the table at his side.

After the soldiers had remained in my room for a while we succeeded in persuading them to leave the house. In spite of our protests the soldiers took the shot-gun and the ammunition with them.

3) On march 16th about 9.30 a.m. when on my way to my residence I heard loud bangs from the direction of the neighbouring house, as on the foregoing day a theft was perpetrated in that house I presumed another burglary and went right to the bottom of the noise. When entering the house I surprised three Japanese soldiers with yellow facings on their collars and red stripes with two yellow stars on their shoul-

ders. These soldiers using their side-arms and just

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Claims of compensation for damages done
to the Tung Chi University buildings and
to German property in these buildings.

## I. Technical Department.

1) Buildings (including those used by the Medical Department) 153 400  2) Machine Laboratory 13 330  3) Workshop 23 300  4) Chemical Institute 5 888	3
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5) Physical Institute 3 750	
6) Electrotechnical Institute 22 700	
7) Library, Collections etc. 18 000	
8) Electrical Lighting and Fittings 14 550	
9) Miscellaneous Damages 15 082	
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II. Medical Department	
1) Physiological Institute 21 159	
2) Anatomy 21 485	
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Claims of compensation for damages done
to the private property of the German
professors and teachers and losses sustained by them

Name	Amount claimed in Mex. \$
1) Schade	200
2) Limbach	375
3) Waldeyer	510
4) Rehbein	891
5) Brust	936.70
6) Requard	1 925
7) List	2 341
8) Wagner	3 765
9) Boning	4 253
x) 10) Haasler, Krauss	4 640
11) Spiro	7 388.50
12) Othmer	8 175
13) Slotnarin	10 018
14) Stumpf	10 270,50
15) Stubel	20 960
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x) Rough and probably incomplete estimate, the two professors being on home-leave.

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#### GERMAN CONSULATE-GENERAL

Shanghai, May 9th, 1932.

Sir and dear Colleague,

In pursuance of my letter of March the 17th referring to damages done to German property at the Tung Chi University and to damages done to the private property of the German professors and teachers and loases sustained by them through the artillery and aerial bombardment of the said University by Japanese forces and through the looting which has taken place during the absence of the professors and teachers I have the honour to present to you herewith enclosed two lists containing the claims of compensation for the damages caused and losses sustained; list A showing the claims for damages done to the University buildings which are partly German owned and to German property in these buildings, presented to me by the German deans of the Technical and Medical Department of the University, list B showing the claims for damages done to the private property of the German professors and teachers and losses sustained by them, these claims having been presented to me by the professors and teachers.

Detailed lists of the claims enumerated in the attached lists rest with the records of this Consulate General.

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I may add that the devaluation of the silver dollar has not been taken into account insome of the claims, that the costs for the necessary repairs of the partly damaged furniture etc. can not yet be estimated at the present time and that the professors and teachers suffer further losses as they had to leave their residences at the Tung Chi University where they had to pay no rent and after having found refuge for a short while with German families in Shanghai had to rent suitable accommodations for their families and themselves in Shanghai.

The claims contained in the attached lists have also been presented to the Mayor of Greater Shanghai.

While reserving further representations on this matter which might become necessary an early reply would be much appreciated.

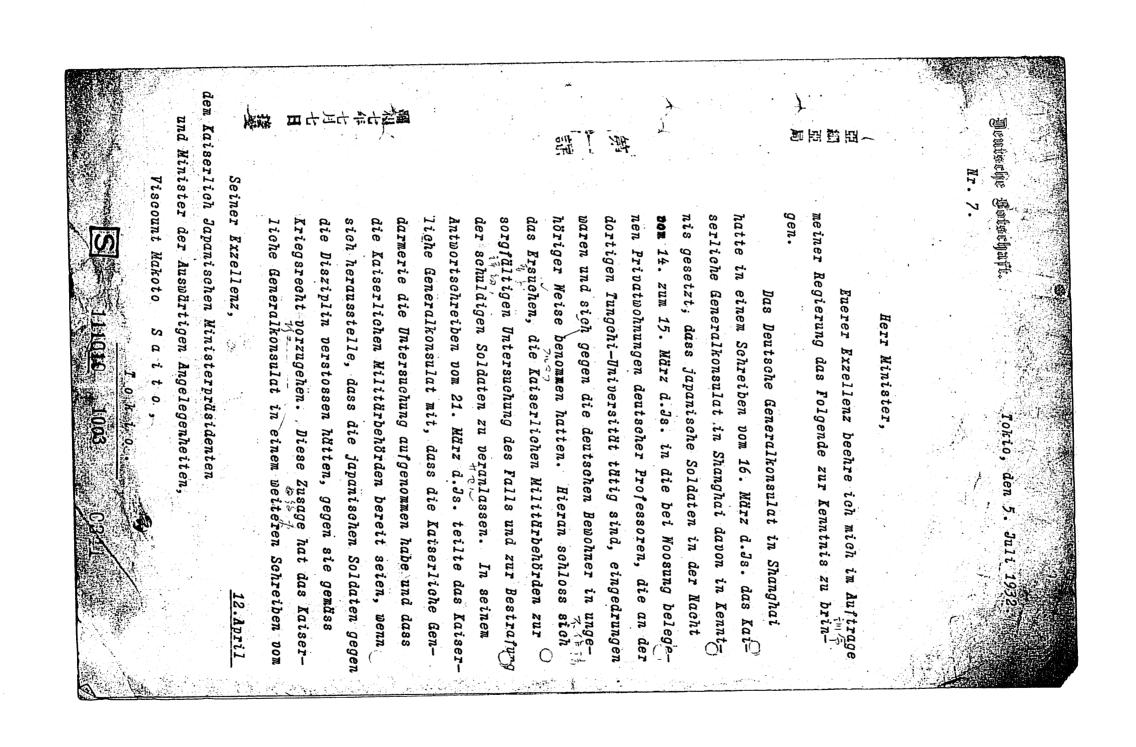
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Signed: Baron Rudt von Collenberg.
Consul General for Germany.

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12. April d.Js. wiederholt. Es ist indessen bisher nicht zur Kenntnis der Deutschen Regierung gelangt, zu welchem Ergebnis die von den Kaiserlichen
Militärbehörden in Aussicht gestellte Untersuchung
geführt hat.

Im Zusammenhang mit diesem Vorfall haben die Kaiserlichen Militärbehörden, wie aus den oben erwähnten Schreiben des Kaiserlichen Generalkonsulats hervorgeht, die Behauptung aufgestellt,

- 1) dass chinesische Truppen die Tungchi-Universität als Operationsbasis im Kampfgebiet von Woosung benutzt hätten und dass diese Tatsache für den Angriff der japanischen Streitkräfte verantwortlich gewesen sei;
- 2) dass einige der innerhalb des Universitätsgrundstücks belegenen Privatwohnungen der deutschen
  Professoren von der chinesischen Armee tatsächlich besetzt gewesen wären, was durch die Schützengräben bewiesen werde, die in und um eine dieser Nohnungen angelegt worden seien; die Kaiserlichen Militärbehörden sähen unter diesen Umständen keinen triftigen Grund, weshalb diesen Wohnungen ein besonderer und ein anderer Schutz gewährt werden sollte als den Universitätsgebäuden selbst.

Demgegenüber ist nach einwandfreien Aussagen der Professoren der Universität festzustellen, dass die erste grössere Beschiessung der Universität selbst und des fraglichen (ausserhalb des eigentlichen Universitätsgebäudes gelegenen) Professorenhauses durch ja-

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panische Streitkräfte bereits am 4. Februar d.Js. stattgefunden hatte und dass zu diesem Zeitpunkt weder Baulichkeiten der Universität von chinesischem Militär besetzt noch die Schützengräben gezogen waren.

Auf diese Feststellungen muss die Deutsche Regierung deshalb Wert legen, weil sie sich die ihr nach den Grundsätzen des Völkerrechts zustehenden Schadenersatzansprüche aus Anlass des japanisch-chinesischen Konflikts der Kaiserlichen Regierung gegeniger ausdrücklich vorbehalten hat, wovon Herr Botschafter Dr. Voretzsch die Kaiserliche Regierung am 27. Februar d.Js. mündlich und durch Überreichung eines Aide- Mémoire in Kenntnis setzen durfte.

Ich benutze auch diesen Anlass, Euerer Exzellenz die Versicherung meiner ausgezeichnetsten
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