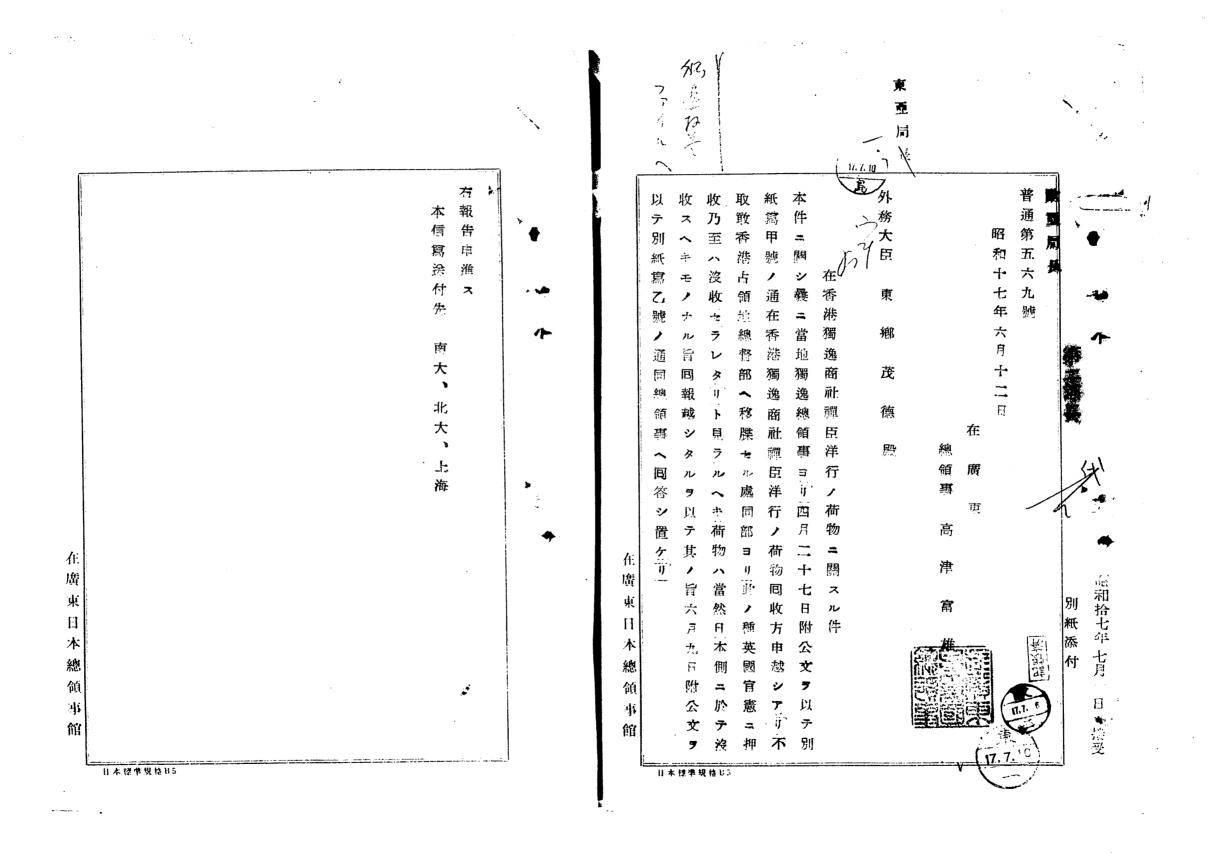


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I should feel obliged to you if you would kindly concern the Hongkong Authorities with this matter for friendly consideration and sction.

Once more apologising for the many troubles I am causing to you on behalf of the interests of German firms in Hongkong,

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

Signed Fr Siebert

nsul-General for Germany.

Sir and dear Colleague,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated April 27th, 1942, addressed to Mr. T. Takatsu, soliciting his help for the recovery and safeguarding of certain goods belonging to the Branch Office of Messrs. Siemssen & Co. in Hongkong, which underwent liquidation by Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews there.

In reply to the above letter I have the honour to state that according to a raply from the Japanese authorities of the Occupied Territory of Hongkong, Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews had been looted during and after the battle and could not make any reliable report owing to missing of necessary documents and also Mr. Fleming, manager of the said company had not any memory of this ease.

Moreover, the Japanese authorities of the Occupied Territory of Rongkong have a view that even in case some of the goods are left unsold in the hand of the liquidator, these goods are desmed to had been under confiscation or seizure by the British authorities, and consequently, they should be confiscated by the said authorities as enemy properties.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. Ohzeki

COMSUL.

In the absence of Consul General.

Dr. Fr. Siebert, Esquire, German Consul General,

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アジア歴史資料センター

Sir and dear Colleague,

on April 11th I had the honour of soliciting your kind help for the recovery and safeguarding of German property in Hongkong. I fell sorry that today, again, I have to trouble you in the same regard, but I hope that you will not be disinclined to grant your assistance.

The German firm of SIEISSEN & CO. ( PE 17), before the outbreak of the war in Europe in September 1939, had a branch-office in Hongkong which, by order of the defunct Hongkong Government, underwent liquidation by Messrs. Love, Bingham & Matthews, No. 7, Queens Road (now-called Nakameiji-dori). According to reliable news which have neached Messrs. Siemssen & Co., the liquidators at the time, when the Japanese Armed Forces attacked Hongkong, still had unsold goods of the German firm to the approximate value of 8,000.—in hand. It is requested that the liquidators be interrogated about the whereabouts of these unliquidated goods and, furthermore, that eventually appropriate steps be taken for the safeguarding of the goods.

It is selfevident that Siemssen & Co. are greatly interested in the recovery of their books, which had been confiscated by the liquidators, and in gaining possession of the files of the liquidators which concern the liquidation of this particular firm. They, therefore, have petitioned that proper measures be taken for the handing over of these books and files

to them. This request is supported by me.

T. Takatsu, Escuire,

Consul General for Japan,

Canton.

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