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and Members of the League.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

C.878.M.454.1931.VII.

Paris, November 19th, 1931.

APPEAL FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE
COVENANT.

Communication from the Japanese Delegation forwarding its observations on the Chinese Representative's communication to the Council dated November 17th, 1931, and contained in Document C.868.M.446.1931.VII.

Note by the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General has the honour to circulate to the Council the following letter which he has just received from the Japanese Delegation:-

Paris, November 19th, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to the Chinese Representative's communication (C.868.M.446.1931.VII), I have the honour to deny formally:

1. the use of the Japanese concession at Tientsin as a base of operations by the insurgents during the disturbances which recently took place in that town. The Mayor of Tientsin has himself recognised the inaccuracy of this allegation (see Document C.865.M.443.1931.VII).
2. any participation by the Japanese authorities in a movement for the restoration of the ex-Emperor Puyi. The Japanese authorities have, on the contrary, always discouraged any attempt of this kind. According to a telegram received from our Consul-General at Tientsin, the ex-Emperor Puyi did not feel himself to be in safety, having been frequently threatened and having even had two bombs sent to him in a parcel on November 6th. He fled during the Tientsin riots without the knowledge of the Japanese authorities.

Requesting you to communicate the foregoing to the President and Members of the Council, I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) S.SAWADA,
Director of the Japanese
League of Nations Office.