Communicated to the Council
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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 re­
ceived 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

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.