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The Officers of the Japanese Embassy,  
Nanking.

Gentlemen:

About 2:00 P.M. officers and men of the military police came to the Sericulture Building at the University of Nanking, No. 6 Chin Ying Chieh. They found in the ground behind the W.C. (latrine) about 6 rifles, about 3 or 5 pistols, and parts of what bystanders thought to be a machine-gun. Bystanders tell us that these guns had been thrown away by retreating soldiers and were buried to avoid trouble.

The military police took away 4 men: Chen Mei (or Wang Hsing-lung); Yang Kwang-fah; Wang Er (common name); Kiang Ming-chu.

As to these men, Chen Mei (or Wang Hsing-lung) was a man of some intelligence who had volunteered to aid in caring for refugees. We had no bad information about him until this case arose today. Now others tell us that he formerly held a position in the Pao An Tui.

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Yang Kwang-fah is a laborer of the University of Nanking, Department of Sericulture, whom we guarantee.

(Ching-ho)  
Wang Er is a gateman of the University of Nanking, Department of Sericulture, whom we also guarantee.

Kiang Ming-chu is a son of a refugee who is in the building of the Sericulture Department. Others are ready to guarantee him.

(NB. added later: Yü Hwai-yung, ricksha puller)

This is all the information that we have about this matter.

We make the general suggestion that a number of guns were thrown away by retreating Chinese soldiers, and were buried or put in ponds by frightened people. Probably if the military police look in ponds, they will find a good deal of military material.

Yours truly,

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