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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NANKING SAFETY ZONE, February 3rd, 1938.

5 Ninghai Road

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Mr. Hidaka,
Japanese Embassy,
Nanking.


My dear Sir:-

I recall with friendly appreciation your assurances of yesterday that refugees will not be forcibly evicted from the present camps, and am sure that this wise policy will obviate any danger of serious difficulties over the problem. You will of course realize the importance of securing the detailed co-operation of the military authorities to this end so that all possibility of misunderstanding may be averted. This is the more necessary because repeated and specific instructions were issued for removal by Friday, February 4th, under threat of military compulsion and sealing of gates.

We are grateful for the new opportunities of friendly contact with the Japanese authorities, as provided by General Honma, yourself, and the expected arrival of Lieutenant-Colonel Hirota.

With kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Most respectfully yours,



John H. D. Rabe, Chairman.