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NANKING INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

5 Ninghai Road

March 2nd, 1938.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hirota,
Metropolitan Hotel,
Nanking.

Dear Colonel Hirota:-

With reference to my conversation with Lieutenant Shimizu yesterday concerning the rice and flour which belongs to our Relief Committee, but which we have not been able to get delivery of since the Japanese Army entered the city, let me give you briefly the following facts. A total of 20,009 bags of rice were assigned to us by the former Nanking City Government for relief purposes. Of these we received 9,076 bags. Since the occupation of the city we have not been able to obtain delivery of the remaining 10,933 bags. In addition to the rice, 10,000 bags of flour were also assigned to us. Of this we have not received a single bag as the entire stock was taken over by the Japanese Army before it could be brought by us into our godown.

We early made representations to the Japanese Embassy in regard to these stocks of rice and flour, but in the confusion naturally attendant upon the occupation of the city, the matter was not settled. We would therefore now renew our request that the Army authorities release to us the stocks of rice and flour above mentioned, which are rightly and properly ours, and which we needed now for the relief of the people. Any help

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that you can give us in securing delivery of these stocks will be greatly appreciated. Should you desire any further particulars in regard to this matter, I will be glad to supply them.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Mills

W. P. Mills, Vice-Chairman.

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