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To: Tokyo
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JAE

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Instructions sent March 2nd from the Portuguese Foreign Minister to the Portuguese Minister in Tokyo.

"The positive policy of Japan towards China is well known to the world and the various countries waging war have abolished their extra-territorial rights in China. But there is the question of whether Portugal also intends to adjust herself to the New Order in East Asia. We want you to ask the Japanese government definitely what is going to happen in the Pacific, especially as regards the existing situation in Macao and Timor and tell them too to recognize the fact that we have no intention whatsoever of bringing about any change in the situation.

"In view of this situation the problem of changing the governor general of Timor, even supposing that it were a possibility, is something which is not open to consideration at this time. Portugal has been subjected to serious damage and territorial encroachment by Japan in Timor and no matter what sort of a friendly attitude the Japanese

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might show us; Portugal could not permit any consideration of this matter. There is no reason at all which we can imagine for Portugal to adopt an attitude of cooperation in this and to further the policy of conquest and aggression of Japan

"In this connection, will you please inform the Japanese government tactfully that we can not agree to any discussion or tentative experiments whatsoever with Japan in this question."

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