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Crawling on his knees deep into the cave, Joseph Grew faced the glaring eyes of a huge tiger not four feet away. In his foreword to Grew's book *Sport and Travel in the Far East*, Theodore

Roosevelt wrote, "Following the tiger into caves, guided by professional spear hunters of the neighborhood is a sport new to most men and its interest is heightened by the danger attendant upon it." Grew

bagged the tiger, a species that lived in the caves and barren hills along the Chinese coast midway between Hong Kong and Shanghai. He was 24 years old at the time.

Joseph Grew was born in Massachusetts in 1880. Independently wealthy, he graduated from Harvard and then embarked in 1902 on a two-year vacation trip that was to take him all over the Far East sightseeing and looking for sporting opportunities. In addition to his exciting experience with the Chinese tiger, he hunted extensively in Baltistan, where he successfully stalked ibex, markhor, sharpu and bears.

A lifetime career in the diplomatic service followed Grew's long vacation trip. He was ambassador to Japan during the ten years prior to World War II. His many warnings about the Japanese preparations for war went unheeded. In particular, he was concerned about the vulnerability of Pearl Harbor.

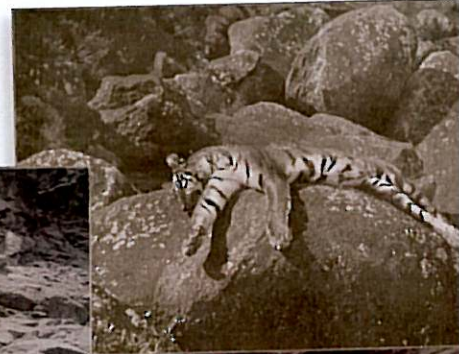
Later, as undersecretary of state, he urged that our proposals of surrender in 1945 allow for the Japanese government to maintain its emperor as a constitutional monarchy. Grew was overruled by President Truman. Grew knew how important the emperor was to the Japanese people and believed that the condition could have led to Japanese surrender without using the atomic bombs. He later stated, "If surrender could have been brought about in May 1945 or even in June or July before the entrance of Soviet Russia into the war and the use of the atomic bomb, the world would have been the gainer."

After the war, Joseph Grew was active in many civic and philanthropic affairs. He died in 1965. ■

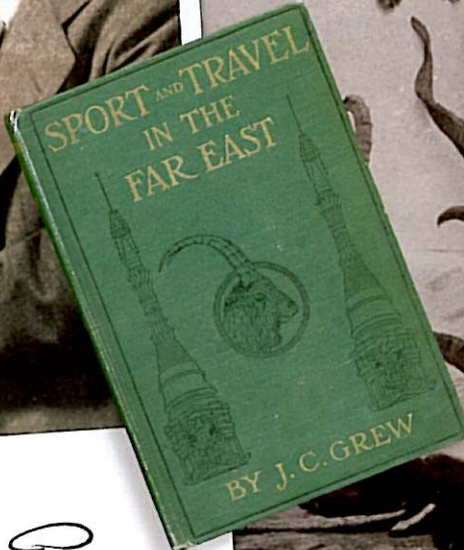
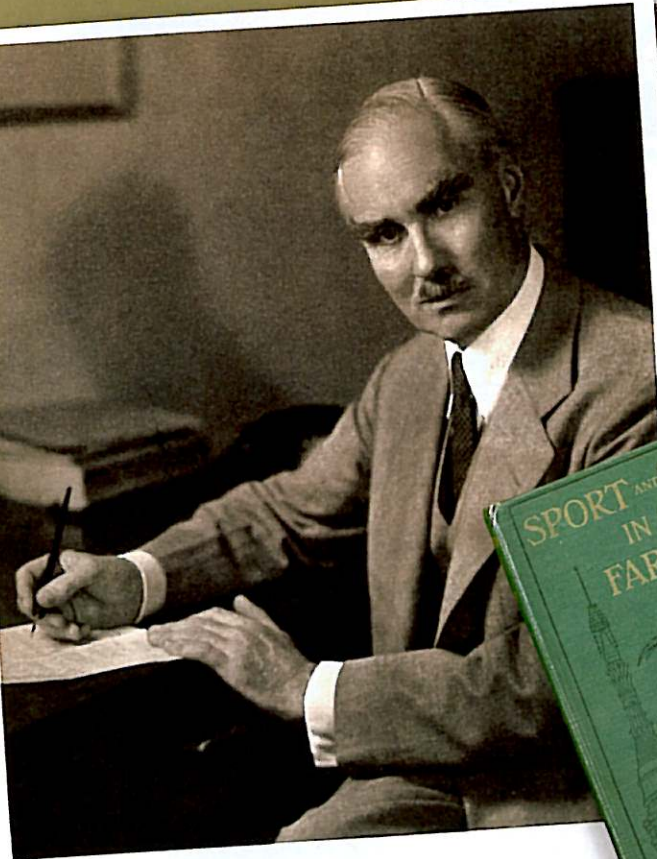
BOOKS BY JOSEPH C. GREW

- *Sport and Travel in the Far East* (1910)
- *Report from Tokyo* (1942)
- *Ten Years in Japan* (1944)
- *Turbulent Era — A Diplomat's Record of Forty Years* (1952)

Images of Joseph C. Grew's adventures from *Sport and Travel in the Far East*, including the tiger he took in a cave in China.



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