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OUTLINE OF FUTURE DIPLOMATIC
MEASURES VIS A VIS THE UNITED STATES

/in ink/ (Yamamoto Private Draft)

It is clear that the contents of the new U.S. proposal dated 26 November are completely unacceptable, nor can we longer recognize any signs whatsoever of sincerity in the attitude of the United States towards the present negotiations. Such being the case, altho it will be necessary to break off the negotiations at a proper time, we should make it our main object for the time being to strictly guard lest the real intentions of the Empire be perceived. We should continue the negotiations under the following policy so as to facilitate the execution of our own future plans.

1. Have Ambassadors NOMURA and KURUSU state that regarding the new proposals of the United States they have asked for and are awaiting instructions from the Central Authorities and that upon the receipt of such instructions a reply will be forthcoming. But for the time being have them continue the negotiations with sincerity, asking numerous questions on the various points noted here separately.

2. To the United States' proposal of 26 November an answer to the following effect shall be issued at a proper time:

A. As the United States' plan is opposed to the past basic claims of Japan it cannot be made the basis for further negotiations.

B. There is no room for further consideration on our part beyond the proposals of 25 September and 20 November.

C. We call upon the United States for still further reconsideration,

Notes:

1. The contents of our reply should bring out the sincerity of the Empire and her just claims, and at the same time due consideration should be paid to the time when the reply is made public at some future date.

2. In this answer we should use phraseology which will put the responsibility for future success or failure on the United States and furthermore should take care not to create the impression of a break-off of negotiations.

/ Translator's Notes to "State Secret Outline
of Future Diplomatic Measures vis a vis the
United States"/

Pencil additions in the Japanese language to original
Japanese typescript are shown by underlining.

(1) Original sentence (partially crossed out) read as
follows prior to alteration:

"But for the time being have the two ambassadors as
though it were their own opinion continue the
negotiations with the United States with the same
opinion as has been expressed hitherto in regard to
the basic plan."