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Very urgent telegram from Schulenburg, September 9, 1939

I have just received the following telephone message from Molotoff: "I have received your communication regarding the entry of German troops into Warsaw. Please convey my congratulations and greetings to the German Reich Government."

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depend entirely upon those resources found within the Empire together with those in Manchoukuo, China, French Indo-China and Siam, having been completely shut out from the rest of the world by these promulgations. As to many materials of crucial importance we were restricted to those piled up within our domain and especially that of oil we had to depend entirely upon the amount kept in stock. In the face of this situation our national power was losing its force day by day. For example, our Navy would be deprived of its mobility within two years' time; our important industries which relied heavily on liquied fuel would be paralized, even though the restrictions on that fuel was made as severe as a war time measure permitted. Under these circumstances a fatal blow was sure to be administered to our national defense situation.

had reached a virtual deadlock; the determination to break it in the last stage. The Third KONOYE Cabinet, which was formed after the Government, in order to combat the gloomy situation, had displaced Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, struggled assiduously but in vain trying to solve the knotty problem. The Promier, KONOYE, conceived of the personal meeting between the heads of the two countries concerned, but the United States by its actions did not show any inclination to accept that proposal. On the Japanese side the Government was resting its hope on the said negotiations for the sole purpose of avoiding war even though our production was jeopardized to the ultimate degree by the political,