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Reference to the last paragraph of your telegram No. 1055.

With regard to the China question, Secretary Hull's idea of having China's highest authority make a pledge may be interpreted as revealing an intention of the United States to commit to direct Japanese-Chinese negotiations the China question which has so far been the crux of the Japanese-American negotiations. Its purpose is presumably to have Chiang Kai-shek propose peace talks with Japan. If that is the case, the idea is an effective means of contributing to the promotion of peace between Japan and China, and the Japanese Government of course welcomes it. The views of the Government on the matter will be sent you in a separate telegram. You are directed to find out details as to how the proposal is to be dealt with in relation to the Japanese-American negotiations, to ascertain as full particulars as possible of the intention of the American Government with respect to the concrete steps to be taken in this matter, and to telegraph the results

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