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Today, the 27th, at 4:30 P.M., after the function observing the anniversary of the conclusion of the Tripartite Alliance, I asked Ambassador Grew to call on me, and stated, off the record, the substance of the separate telegram No. 605, asking him earnestly further to advise the American Government for the prompt realization of the meeting of the two responsible heads.

In this connection, I hope that you will, taking the contents of the separate telegram into consideration, promptly meet the President in secret and make our final effort in urging the realization of the meeting of the two heads. We do not mean to limit the time for the meeting, nor is it intended to make it our final request. But the situation in and out of Japan is so serious as not to allow further unlimited postponement and to require the prompt realization of the meeting. (As to this last point also, I have made an explanation to the American Ambassador.) You should bear the situation in mind when you talk to the American Government.