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From Tōgō to Nomura
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In reference to your telegram No. 966.

The Cabinet having just been formed, detailed instructions concerning the points you refer to will subsequently be telegraphed. The new Cabinet is one with its predecessor in its intense desire for the adjustment of Japanese-American relations on a fair basis. As our opinion and assertions have almost all been revealed in the past negotiations, we are in a position in which we maintain a firm attitude and wait for reconsideration on the part of the United States. It is directed that you should, either yourself or through Wakasugi, properly suggest to the United States that we cannot afford to spend too much time in the negotiations, and continue the negotiations with emphasis on obtaining the American counter-proposal to our proposal of 25 September.