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I have fully comprehended the import of your successive instructions concerning the adjustment of relations between Japan and the United States, and am constantly exerting myself to obtain the expected result somehow or other. With respect to the situation in the United States, I believe that the Tokyo Government has not a shadow of doubt left, for a full report thereof has been submitted by Wakasugi and Iwakuro.

The recent attack on an American destroyer by German submarines did not provoke public opinion here. In connection with Japan, however, the Gallup poll (though some argue that the Gallup is not quite credible) shows that an opinion that the expansion of Japan must be checked even at the risk of war is rapidly gaining in influence. It indicated 51% in last June, and 70% today. It is perceived that the United States is getting deeply concerned with the Pacific, notwithstanding that she must necessarily be interested in the safety of the Atlantic sea-routes. Accordingly, if there should occur in the Pacific such an incident as an attack on an American destroyer, it is believed that there would be no hope of saving the situation. It is again conjectured that the strong public opposition to the dispatch of expeditionary forces, and the consideration that a Japanese-American war would require no army, are the chief reasons that public opinion in the United States is not aroused against Germany whereas it is against Japan. Expenditure on account of munitions of war amounts now to over \$1,000,000,000 every month, and the quantity of output is four or five times as much as that of last year.