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Reference to my telegram No. 730.

While Ambassador Kurusu was sent for the reasons stated in the reference telegram his hurried dispatch indicates also the sincerity of the Japanese Government in regard to the present negotiations. As stated in the telegram under reference, the Ambassador is not carrying with him any new instructions other than those already telegraphed to you. His mission is to convey in person to you information concerning the latest situation here, to assist you in the final stage of the negotiations, and by cooperating with you to break the deadlock so as to bring the negotiations speedily to a successful conclusion. It has been explained to the public here that, in view of the necessity of the negotiations being speedily brought to a successful conclusion, Ambassador Kurusu has been hurriedly dispatched to assist you. The above circumstances have also been thoroughly explained to the British and American Ambassadors in Tokyo (Ambassador Kurusu talked with the American Ambassador in Tokyo just before his departure), and the two Ambassadors fully understand the circumstances. Further, the Army and Navy authorities understand the purpose for which the Ambassador has thus been specially sent, and are appreciative of the trouble he is taking. Let me add that you will, bearing the above in mind, appropriately explain the matter to the United States Government authorities, the press and other quarters.

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