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From Nomura to Toyoda  
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No. 659

In reference to your telegram No. 1447.

I called on Secretary of State Hull in the late afternoon of 6 August, and conveyed the proposal of (II) of your telegram No. 1448, after giving a detailed explanation of (I) thereof in accordance with your repeated instructions including the telegram referred to. (The proposal was handed to the Secretary of State in writing, in accordance with separate telegram No. 660.)

Hull promised to give an answer after full study shall have been made, and did not seem much interested in our proposal at the moment. Then he gave his opinion in detail on the present relations between Japan and the United States, saying that he was going to express his personal sentiments apart from the present proposal. He said that, laying aside the relation between the Secretary of State and myself, he could but be deeply disappointed to see the successive moves of Japan. He declared that, so long as Japan holds to the policy of conquest by force, there is no room left for negotiations; and that, so long as the government authorities of Japan call American actions the encirclement of Japan, he can expect nothing from Japan ("I can expect nothing from you"). He added that, while Americans want to live in peace and quiet, Hitler would smash whatever stands in his way, under pretence of self-defence, and he talked as if he regarded Japan as one of Hitler's kind.

Judging from the impression I received today, it seems utterly impossible now by any explanation to bring the authorities of the American Government to understand the true intention of Japan, and it was clearly perceived that the United States is already determined to face any situation that may be brought about.