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Telegram
(Secret Cipher process)

Tokyo, 30. August 1941, 10.00 hours p.m.

Arrival, 30 " " 20.00 hours

No. 1660 of 30.8 most urgent !

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Following the telegram of 29,
No. 1657+)

The Foreign Minister received me this afternoon in the presence of an interpreter. I described to him at first according to the telegraphic instruction of 25 August No. 1383++ the picture of the general situation, emphasized the weakening which the Soviet Union meanwhile experienced, and pointed out to the unreadiness of the American armaments. (I told him that) in this situation Japan can freely make necessary decisions for the maintenance of her position and her prestige without risking anything.

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I requested the Foreign Minister to inform me of the details of the message of Konoye to President Roosevelt. (I said that) I was afraid that this step might rouse in the U.S.A. the impression as if Japan is ready to give up an active action in the Pacific, and repeated our well-known argument as to the conclusions which can be drawn in the U.S.A. from the above impression only very easily, Toyoda answered that he could only confirm the statement

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of the Vice Foreign Minister Anau of the previous day concerning the character of the Konoye's message, and avoided to enter into a discussion on the expediency of the Japanese step. Japan wishes' only in accordance with the aim of the Tripartite Pact to prevent America from entering the war. On my question about the first impression caused by the Konoye's message he answered that the first conversation was only short and in view of the general character of the message no attitude of the American government have surely not yet expressed. A report of Ambassador Nomura has not arrived yet; he will however comply with my in view of the importance urgently expressed request for information of the American answer, as soon as such arrives. Toyoda did not comply with my request to have the text of the message of Konoye.

Toyoda was during the conversation strongly reserved as it suits his nature. As I hear, the expediency of the message of Konoye is lively discussed in the army and circles. Although in view of the attitude of the Konoye cabinet one expected attempts to establish, if only temporarily, modus vivendi with the U.S.A, the news of a message of the Premier Minister to Roosevelt came unexpectedly. The publicity given to this step in the American press reflected here painfully and also left

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in the governmental circle an uncertain feeling, that possibly a different than the hoped for reaction might ensue. The government is endeavouring to keep the treatment of this matter in the press within a limited scope.

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