

Exhibit 2838

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Memorandum by the Ambassador in Japan (Grew)

(TOKYO,) November 10, 1941.

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\* \* \* \* \* The Minister went on to say that the population of this country is steadily and rapidly increasing; it was now about one hundred million; and it was necessary to assure raw materials necessary for their existence. It was his opinion that unless the American Government realizes this fact as among the realities of the situation, successful conclusion to the conversations would be difficult. During the conversations carried on for a period of more than six months, the Japanese Government had repeatedly made proposals calculated to approach the American point of view, but the American Government for its part had taken no step toward meeting the Japanese position and had yielded nothing--it had perhaps taken a more advanced position. Those being the facts, "we in Japan are led to wonder what is the degree of sincerity of the American Government in continuing with the conversations."

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Pages 710 - 714, Foreign Relations of the United States, Volume II.