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I submit this telegram for your reference only.

With respect to the Japanese-American negotiations, I will, believing in success, do all that I can until the last moment. Beyond that, my state of mind is to do my best and leave the rest to Providence. However, I observe the present situation as follows:

1. As I have repeatedly made report to you, the Pacific policy of the United States is to stop further advance of Japan either to north or to south. This objective she desires to achieve through economic pressure, but preparations for war are steadily in progress.

2. In order to meet the southern or northern advance of Japan, operational and all other preparations are being made and the utmost cooperation is being carried on with the countries concerned. It is the determination of the United States rather to wage war than to concede anything from fundamental political principles she holds traditionally, or to compromise, and it seems that she has no intention whatsoever of repeating what happened in Munich, which is now branded as a failure. This is the more true by reason of encouragement at the observation that the peak of German power has now been passed, that the Soviet Union maintains its fighting spirit, and that the danger of a separate peace has decreased.

3. With respect to China, ties of alliance become stronger and stronger. The United States gives all possible assistance to China, and will accept nothing which will prejudice the sovereignty of China, even in favor of stabilization of the Pacific. It is, therefore, possible that the China problem may become the "stumbling-block" of the stabilization of the Pacific, thereby bringing the adjustment of Japanese-American relations to end in failure.

4. Our relations with the Axis are very flexible; they can be very close or otherwise depending on the policy of the Japanese Government. The United States, however, believes that Japan is in a position in which she can stab the United States in the back if the situation warrants. The press tends to report on the intimacy of Japan with the Axis, and some papers even go so far as to talk about their unity.

5. In case Japan dares to advance into the south for the sake of her life and self-existence, it is very likely that a war against Britain, the United States and the Netherlands will follow as a consequence, and that the Soviet Union, too, will join it. In such case, Central American countries, among the neutrals, are at the disposal of the United States, and the South American countries will, though reluctantly, maintain neutrality in favor of the United States, it being necessary economically for them to do so.

6. Such a war will necessarily be a long war, in which the winning or losing of local battles will not matter much. It is easy to see that the victor will be the one who holds out till the last.



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7. The United States is getting engangled in the Atlantic step by step, but up to now she has not gone beyond the convoy operations, so she can concentrate her main forces in the Pacific at any time. Britain, too can, in view of the present state of the German and Italian navies, spare a considerable part of her forces for the Indian Ocean. It has been my expectation that the United States would more or less compromise in the Pacific when she got very busy in the Atlantic, but no such signs have yet been observed. On the contrary, it is necessary to bear in mind the possibility that the United States will first join the war in the Pacific, because public opinion still holds against war with Germany, while there is less opposition to a Pacific war.

8. Although I am not very familiar with the present domestic situation in Japan, I learn through your instructions that the situation is pressing and that the endurance of the Japanese people is reaching its maximum. It may be presumptuous for me to suggest it in such circumstances, but I consider it advisable to be patient and wait for a month or two, if the domestic situation permits, until we get a clearer over-all prospect of the world war.

Please read my telegrams no. 894 and 901 of 3 and 4 October.



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