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On 28 September, I revealed my general opinion with regard to the Japanese-American problems to British Ambassador Craigie, who is expected shortly to travel to the United States on leave. (He was to leave Nagasaki on the 30th to take the S.S. President Coolidge at Shanghai on 4 October, but it seems that his departure has been postponed by three weeks or so owing to the illness of the counsellor who is to be Chargé d'affaires while he is away.) I requested him to ask Ambassador Grew for detailed explanations. It seems that he had a talk with the American Ambassador in the evening of the same day. According to reliable information, the British Ambassador has explained to Foreign Minister Eden and Ambassador Halifax the necessity of prompt conclusion of the Japanese-American negotiations, and has submitted his opinion as summarized in telegram No. 628 which will be sent separately. In view of the source, this information is for you exclusively.