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In reference to my telegram No. 798.

In case an agreement is reached on the basis of our new proposal, Japan will be faced with the immediate necessity of securing the economic resources in connection with Articles 2 and 3 thereof. As petroleum is urgently needed by Japan, you are directed to convey, as the negotiations develop out prior to the signing of the agreement, our desire for annual imports of 4,000,000 tons from the United States (which is the average of the imports in 1938, 1939 and 1940--and the proportion of the various petroleum products to be imported is to be based on actual imports before the freezing of assets, aviation gasoline being included), that is 333,000 tons per month; and of 2,000,000 tons from the Netherlands East Indies, which is calculated on the basis of the amount virtually agreed upon between the Governments (the Netherlands East Indies agreed to supplying yearly 1,800,000 tons). It is further desired that upon the conclusion of the agreement, assurance be obtained in the form of exchange of notes between you and the Secretary of State.

The above figures are only a rough estimate which is to be the standard in the negotiations, and we hope that the quantity will gradually be increased as commercial relations shall be restored hereafter. This is for your information.