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Now in relation to how advantage can be taken of these countries strategically, the following points should be borne in mind subject to change, of course, with the then existing world situation:

1. We must recognize that England after her expedition into the Caucasus following the Russian revolution, is greatly desirous of holding on to Bakuh's oil. And it is necessary to take advantage of this fact. However, in the event of Russo-Japanese trouble she cannot very well make any movement in the Caucasus against Russia without sufficient reason. But it is possible for England and

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Japan to jointly act and encourage both Turkey and Persia's craving for territory in the Caucasus and use these two countries as tools to work upon the Musuliman state in the Caucasus.

In any event it is most essential to continue to maintain good relations with England in case trouble should arise between Russia and Japan.