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SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS:

Item 1. MATSUOKA's Remarks re U. S. Negotiation Plan (dated July 10, 1941)

The following are his remarks:

1. It is a move unprecedented in history for the U. S. Government to ask for the reorganization of the present Japanese Cabinet.
2. The plan will break Japan away from the Tripartite Treaty even though we accept half of the proposal of the U. S. Government.
3. We have to abandon the established policies of the Japanese Government; viz., the establishment of the New Order and the Greater East-Asia Sphere; the chastisement of the CHUNGKING Regime; etc.
4. It will be almost impossible to solve the Sino-Japanese problems if the policy of securing leadership in East Asia is changed.
5. The plan will become an obstacle to the advantageous development of Japanese trade with America.
6. Japan wants to maintain her status quo.

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In conclusion, MATSUOKA stated that the U. S. Oral Statement is unacceptable and that Japan must consider the time and way for closing the negotiations if they are to be closed.

Item 2. Message No. 279, to: Ambassador KATO in France, dated 12 July 1941

This is a report on the activities of the De Gaullists and French Anti-Japanese movements in French Indo-China. It states as follows:

1. Those in high social positions are De Gaullists.
2. Anti-Japanese movements persist in French-Indo China. She is now taking a non-cooperative attitude to the economic conference being held between France and Japan.
3. Britain and America are instigating the breakdown of the negotiations between Japan and French Indo-China.
4. British and American threats caused Thailand and French Indo-China to hesitate in supplying rice, rubber, and tin to Japan.
5. To forestall Britain and America, Japan finds it necessary to move into the southern part of French Indo-China.

Item 3. Telegram No. 123, from: Ambassador KURIHARA in Istanbul, to: Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, dated 12 July 1941, subject: The Soviet Situation

1. In regard to the above subject, Ambassador KURIHARA telegraphed as follows: It is clear that U.S.S.R. will be destroyed within these few weeks. At this time, we must do our best to establish the foundation of Greater East Asia by removing the menace of Red Russia forever.
2. Japan's entry in the war is expected and such an account appears in the newspapers here.
3. Our operations towards U.S.S.R. will be decided in a short time and America's entry in the war depends upon the forecast of the decisive battle between Britain and Germany.
4. The disposition of the China Incident and the stratagem of the South Sea are important but the actual situation of Japanese penetration in the South Sea is not as publicized although the rout of Soviet troops will give decisive influence on the solution of the China Incident.

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5. German power will extend to East Asia if we exercise prudence.

6. It will be most important to solve the Russian problem completely and make use of the Tripartite Treaty simultaneously. The world at large expects it and it will also be the united conviction of the Japanese people.

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6/5/41	12190	Answer to the above	NOMURA	MATSUOKA	
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8/5/41	17312	re Cipher	MATSUOKA	NOMURA	
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14/5/41		Grew's Message re Matsuoka's talk. (Grew says "Warlike").			
		Remarks to U.S. plan of June 21.			
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