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Your BONO, November 6, 5 p.m.

PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO THE FORMER NAVAL SENATOR.

Could we have very much in mind the situation to which Chiang Kai-shek's appeal is addressed. While we feel that it will be a serious error to underestimate the gravity of the threat inherent in that situation, we ought together to maintain the Japanese land campaign against Kwantung. Have advance to a note which would request an advance by the Japanese against Yunnan in the immediate future. In the meantime we shall do what we can to increase and expedite lend-lease aid to China and to facilitate the utilization of the American volunteer air force, both in personnel and in equipment. We have noted that you would be prepared to send pilots and spare planes to China.

We feel that keeping such as the Committee and the public in the dark as to what along the lines we are

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3 taking, together with continuing efforts to strengthen our defenses in the Philippine Islands, paralleled by similar efforts by you in the Singapore area, will tend to increase Japan's hesitation, whereas in Japan's present mood new formalized verbal warning or remonstrances might have, with at least even chance, an opposite effect.

This whole problem will have our continuing and earnest attention, study and effort.

I shall probably not repeat not make express reply to General Kai-shek before the first of next week. Please keep within the confidence of your close official circle what I have said above. UNQUOTE.

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