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Secretary of State,
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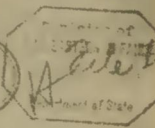
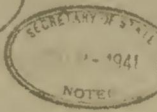
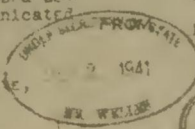
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On. During the past few days I have talked with several prominent Japanese most of whom appear to be already familiar with the terms of the Department's recent draft proposal and some of whom have been in direct personal touch with the Foreign Minister. They generally reflect a pessimistic reaction, speculating what they purport to regard as the un-cancellatory "tone" of the draft and the difficulty of trading over the Japanese and American positions. They all, however, appear to desire continuance of the Japanese negotiations.

The. In all recent talks I have gathered my general view that the American draft conveys a broad sense of objective proposals of the highest standardship, which is open in effect to the wide latitude for adjustment and flexibility and a reasonable and reasonable basis for further and constantly... in a position



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in a position to mould public opinion to the justified conception that Japan can now achieve without force of arms the chief purposes for which she has hitherto allegedly been fighting. These unofficial views have been indirectly conveyed to the Foreign Minister, who has furthermore expressed astonishment that the Prime Minister, at this critical moment, should have seen fit to deliver so bellicose an address as his speech yesterday, and I have indicated the serious and deleterious impression which that speech is bound to exert on the American Government and people.

Three Tokyo newspapers report that the Cabinet at its meeting today, while realizing the difficulty of adjusting the respective positions of the two countries, nevertheless determined to continue the Washington conversations.

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