

every day. Mr. Casey has been possibly rather too active. He has not seen the President, but he has been at the State Department once or twice each day and has also discussed the position with the U.S. Chiefs of Staff.

I have no detailed information on the extent of the difference of view inside the Far Eastern Division of the State Department, and I cannot confirm the accuracy of the article in the *New Republic* to which you refer. If any information comes my way on this, I shall pass it on, but it is a question obviously on which one can make no direct enquiry.

There has certainly been a definite advance during the last week in the position taken by the President. I doubt that he will ever feel able to go so far as to meet the views expressed in the Prime Minister's telegram to London No. 242 of November 30th by giving a *public* assurance that he will ask Congress to declare war on Japan if the British and Japanese commence hostilities in Thailand. A pledge of armed support, however, expressed in pretty broad terms has now been given privately by the President to Lord Halifax. Furthermore, the President, Mr. Hull, and Mr. Welles have lost no opportunity between them of educating public opinion to contemplating an early outbreak of war with Japan. There has scarcely been a day during the last ten days on which one or other of them has not made statements to the press of a singularly unyielding character.

I am disappointed that you have not sent me immediately on their arrival copies of the telegrams which you are receiving from London on the Far Eastern situation. I do not know how much to cover in the reports that I am making to you. Any light which you can throw on the views of the Canadian Government towards the Far Eastern crisis would also be valuable. The only expression of governmental opinion that I have received is the Prime Minister's telegram which I have already mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

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TELEGRAM 553

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MOST SECRET. Following from Wrong. Begins. My telegram No. 547. President has not yet decided whether to send message to the Emperor. Delivery in Tokyo of warning against further aggression is therefore deferred.

United States assurance to Thai Government of support in the event of Japanese invasion has also been deferred. Hull mentioned constitutional