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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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General Stilwell, the United States Army Commander in Chungking, reports that Chiang Kai-shek showed considerable annoyance on being informed that certain aircraft intended for China had been diverted to the Middle East, and requested that the United States Government be informed that he wished to know whether the latter still considered China an important theatre of war. According to General Stilwell, Madam Chiang told him that this last remark might mean that Chiang was considering the possibility of making peace with Japan. The United States Ambassador does not, however, take Madame Chiang's remark seriously.

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