

- (b) Chinese Government regard economic pressure on Japan as of vital importance to China, and would be very reluctant to see it seriously reduced at this stage.

His Majesty's Ambassador had the impression that Hull would be very careful of Chinese feelings.

11. Hull emphasized again his desire that this matter should be treated within as restricted a circle as possible in view of paramount importance of secrecy.

12. We will telegraph further as soon as possible. Ends.

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*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR M.377

London, November 23, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. My immediately preceding telegram. Following is text of document handed to United States Secretary of State by the Japanese Ambassador on November 20th. Begins.

1. Both the Governments of Japan and the United States undertake not to make any armed advance into any of the regions in south-eastern Asia and the southern Pacific area, excepting part of French Indo-China where Japanese troops are stationed at present.

2. The Japanese Government undertakes to withdraw its troops now stationed in French Indo-China upon either restoration of peace between Japan and China, or, establishment of an equitable peace in the Pacific area.

In the meantime, Government of Japan declare[s] that it is prepared to remove its troops now stationed in southern part of French Indo-China to northern part of said territory upon conclusion of present arrangement, which shall later be embodied in final agreement.

3. The Governments of Japan and the United States shall co-operate with a view to securing acquisition of those goods and commodities which the two countries need in the Netherlands East Indies.

4. The Governments of Japan and the United States mutually undertake to restore their commercial relations to those prevailing prior to freezing of assets.

The Government of the United States shall supply Japan with a required quantity of oil.