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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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The United States Intelligence report from Rio de Janeiro states that the Brazilian Ambassador in Berlin has reported to his Government that he was told by the Japanese Charge d'Affaires there that the severance of diplomatic relations by the American republics with the Axis would be immediately answered by a declaration of war.

Another report from Rio de Janeiro says that the Chilean Foreign Minister informed Sumner Welles that without doubt Japan was going to attack Chile immediately. He asked Welles to give him a guarantee of American aid in the defence of Chile.

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