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*Le chargé d'affaires au Japon au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*  
*Chargé d'Affaires in Japan to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 85

Tokyo, May 30, 1941

CONFIDENTIAL. Your secret telegram No. 67 of May 27th.<sup>1</sup>

1. In recent conversations with [U.S.] Secretary of State the Japanese Ambassador mentioned following points as a basis for settlement of China incident:

- (a) Withdrawal of Japanese forces from China;
- (b) Guarantee of independence of China;
- (c) No discrimination against third Powers in China.

2. Admiral Nomura claims to have the backing of army and navy leaders and, in addition, that of the Emperor himself.

3. On May 23rd Sir Robert Craigie, after consultation with the Australian Minister and myself, sent a telegram to London which may be said to represent our joint views on this matter. The relevant part follows: [Begins.]

Idea that Japanese Ambassador in Washington should conduct negotiations of this importance without the knowledge of Minister for Foreign Affairs is remarkable even for Japan, though not impossible. State Department are right in proceeding with great caution because of danger that, once Japan's hands are freed in China an even more aggressive policy may be adopted vis-à-vis the United States and ourselves, notwithstanding any assurances to the contrary given by Admiral Nomura. No guarantee against this happening could in my opinion be adequate so long as Matsuoka remains in power with his present pro-Axis sympathies. Moreover the whole trend of official opinion and the opinion which finds public expression is so strongly opposed to any settlement of the kind outlined by Admiral Nomura, particularly under any foreign auspices, that I cannot help suspecting a trap.

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*Chargé d'Affaires in Japan to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 94

Tokyo, June 5, 1941

Your telegram No. 68 of May 27th, Secret. In view of delicacy of Washington conversations and necessity of not prejudicing them in any way, Mr.

<sup>1</sup> Introuvable.<sup>1</sup> Not located.