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Economic Policy which should be taken in connection with  
diplomacy towards U. S. A.

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Ever since the outbreak of the Incident, the attitude of the U. S.  
has been to maintain the body of the Nine-Power Treaty and basing  
our Far East policies upon it, and to absolutely repudiate the  
establishment of the New Order in East Asia. Taking advantage of the  
abandonment of the Commercial and Navigation Treaty, the high-minded  
attitude of the U. S. seems to be getting stronger. Recently America  
has laid a "moral embargo" on aviation, oil refining machines, aluminum and  
cotton-tensile. The drafts of laws (for example, the PITMAN proposal)  
regarding the embargo of war materials for Japan, which was under  
discussion in the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, was reported to  
be temporarily postponed. We cannot say when it will be discussed  
again. On the other hand, we cannot ignore the movement of "moral  
embargo" against Japan among civilian organizations. According to  
these situations, the above-mentioned draft of embargo law may be  
passed, or perhaps moral embargo measures may be carried out.

The internal reason why the Japanese Government could not assume a  
resolute attitude against America was due to the intense reliance  
of Japan upon America for acquiring resources necessary for carrying  
out the divine war.

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