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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 abolition of the Commercial and Navigation Treaty, the high-handed attitude of the U. S. seems to be getting stronger. Recently America laid a "moral embargo" on aviation, oil refining machines, aluminum and explosives. 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 us 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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