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My Lord,

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With reference to your despatch No. 758 (A 4903/65/45) of July 19th last I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that a member of my staff recently enquired of the Chief of the European Division at the State Department whether there was any truth in the story that the Japanese Government had made a proposal to the United States Government for the neutralisation of the Philippine Islands.

2. Mr. Moffat said that he had never heard of such a proposal, which on the face of it was highly improbable.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(SGD) R. C. LINDGAY.

The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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