

No. 112.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 29th, 1940.

My Lord,

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With reference to Mr. Consul-General Wyatt-Smith's despatch No. 112 of the 28th October to Your Lordship and to connected correspondence regarding the prospects of Philippine independence being completed in 1946, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that, according to a Manila report published in the "New York Times" of the 23rd January, President Quezon, in a speech at the opening of the National Assembly, declared himself "unalterably opposed to the prolongation of the present political set-up beyond 1946."

2. President Quezon is reported to have outlined the minimum political requirements of Filipinos - such as "full and complete power over immigration, imports, exports, currency and related financial subjects and the right to conclude commercial treaties without being subjected to the supervision or control of the United States" - and to have indicated his opinion that in the present state of public opinion in America

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The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K.G.,
etc., etc., etc.

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these things could not be obtained except through complete independence, with all its risks.

3. I am sending a copy of this despatch to His Majesty's Consul General at Manila. *in P.L. No. 4 - Jan. 29.*

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) LOTHIAN