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~~Evacuation: Hong Kong.~~ 1574 / 3 / 40

Refugees: Japan:

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June 28th, 1940

Dear Mr. Under-Secretary,

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I am informing the Foreign Office of the substance of our conversation yesterday regarding the possibility of civilian refugees being evacuated from Hong Kong and I am sure that the British authorities will be very grateful for the assurance that, if necessary, these will be received at Manila. I am also putting the point about shipping, which you mentioned, to the Foreign Office and will let you know the result of my enquiry.

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In the meantime I see that in their telegram to me the Foreign Office said that, provided the United States Government approved, they felt that all detailed arrangements should be made direct between the local authorities in

Hong/

The Honourable

Sumner Welles,

Under Secretary of State of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

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Hong Kong and the Philippines. Perhaps you would be kind enough to let me know whether this proposal meets with your approval.

Believe me,

Dear Mr. Under-Secretary,

Very sincerely yours,

(SGD) LOTHIAN