

BY HAND

23rd April, 1941.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I enclose a copy of a telegram just received from our Minister at Bangkok reporting that the Thai Government, owing to the acute shortage of oil with which they are faced, have been obliged to apply to Japan for 5,000 tons. I think that this news re-inforces the view which I expressed to you in our conversation yesterday about the need for urgent action if Thailand is to be prevented from falling completely into the clutches of Japan.

Believe me,
My dear Secretary,
Very sincerely yours,

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The Honourable
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