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Personal and Secret

July 15th, 1941.

My dear Welles,

You will remember that when I saw you last week I showed you two telegrams from the Foreign Office indicating that the authorities in London had good reason to believe that the Japanese Government were about to take steps to demand that they be granted bases in southern Indo-China.

I have just had another telegram from the Foreign Office stating that further information received in London - which may also already be in your possession - goes to show that the Japanese Government have now instructed  
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their representative in Vichy to put forward their specific demands, giving July 20th as the time limit. If the French Government refuses these demands, the bases will be occupied by force. I showed the telegram to the President this morning.

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