Sir,

THE United States Ambassador told me to-day that he had received two complaints from Mr. Cordell Hull about which he had telephoned to me on Sunday. Both were concerned with leakages of information from this country to the United States.

2. The first was a United Press despatch which had reached the United States on the 21st August. This reported that "an authoritative source" had said that the President had approved of whatever action His Majesty's Government and Russia might find it necessary to take to purge Persia of Nazi influence. The message had also said the whole subject had been carefully discussed at the recent meeting of the Prime Minister and President Roosevelt. As a result of this message the President and the Secretary of State had both desired the Ambassador to draw my attention to this report, and had instructed him to find out the identity of the source referred to.

3. The second instance was a United Press message of the 22nd August which quoted a reliable source to the effect that within recent weeks the United States Government, in informal talks with the Japanese Government, had suggested the neutralisation of Indo-China and Thailand on a basis not unlike the position of Switzerland. The Japanese answer to this proposal was said to be an evasive negative. These conversations were supposed to have taken place before the Japanese move into Indo-China. Mr. Hull asked the Ambassador to point out to me that this was only one of many instances in which, shortly after information of a confidential character had been given to His Majesty's Government, the United States Government had learnt of stories covering the matter which had emanated from London. Mr. Hull said he had no doubt that I would realise how difficult it was to continue to give confidential information if this was what happened to the messages which were sent to us.

I am, with great truth and regard,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

Sir Ronald Campbell, K.C.M.G., C.B., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc,
There is a gentleman by the name of
Freddie Kirby, who is U. S. correspondent. His
knowledge is at times just terrifying and the
his M. P. and the C. O. are rather afraid
of him and regard him as something sinister.
For myself I think he is simply a first-class
journalist with an unfailing sense for news.

But I suspect that two of his main sources of
information are his Soviet, Chinese embassies,
and his knowledge about F. W. which is mentioned
in his book may well have come from the former.

There is another lead which from America an
day about President Roosevelt’s warning to Japan.
I have an uncomfortable feeling that his result
from his talk with Mr. Wellington, who can be trusted to
keep nothing from himself.


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Let us have a long to Fo. about this;
thereout that these cartas tend to result in
our getting no info from Mr. Hull about the
sub. U.S. cons. reminding 70 of Mr. Hull’s remarks
reported in 7ne. Gabe from time to time of his expressed
regard over the P.W. 70 reference to the corona in his broad-
cast after the Atlantic meeting asking whether this
Censorship cannot prevent message or a healthy
radiogram leaving London. This is done with the circumstances of
the distance Mr. Freddie Kirby. R. C. 1579