

**SECRET**

Sir R. Campbell  
Mr. Styer Miller

H. E. on his return will no doubt be calling on Mr. Hull. This may afford an opportunity to ask:

- 1) Whether any progress has been made in his conversations with Japan;
- 2) If no progress has been made, how long Mr. Hull thinks they are likely to drag on before they break down.

There could be no harm in saying that, as a breakdown might be expected to lead to a deterioration in the Far Eastern situation, we should be grateful for an advance warning.

Sir R. Cairns reports increasing nervousness in Japan about the possibility of an extremist coup. If this were to take place, a crisis may be precipitated without any prior warning.

J. A. Smith 29/5