Sir R. Campbell

Sir, F. on his return will no doubt
be calling on Mr. Churchill. This may afford
our 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. Churchill thinks they are likely to drag
   on before they break down.

This could be the moment to say what, as
a last resort, might be expected to lead to a
deterioration in the Far Eastern situation,
we should be prepared for an advance warning.

Sir R. Campbell reports increasing importance
in Japan about the possibility of an animist
consp. If this were to take place, a crisis may
be precipitated without any prior warning.

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