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Lt. R. Campbell  
Mr. Stayer Miller

In the course of conversation this morning Mr. Miller asked me if we were being kept informed of the course of the American-Japanese talks. I said that we were not and were in the dark as to what progress if any had been made. But I added that I felt sure the U.S. Govt. would not depart from the basic principles of their Far Eastern policy, to which they had always rigidly adhered. For this reason I personally found it difficult to believe that the talks could achieve any concrete result since there was no evidence that Japan was prepared to retreat from her present position.

Mr. Miller said the Chinese too felt sure that the Americans would not depart

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depart from their <sup>principles</sup>. But he went on to indicate that the mystery surrounding the talks was nevertheless causing a good deal of uncertainty, and he expressed the opinion that the Japanese on their part were out to gain time in order to consolidate their position in Indo-China and to ~~maintain~~ to assume the offensive against China at Chungking. Mr. Kim said feelingly that he thought the U.S. Govt. were unaware of the effect their action was having in the world at large.

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Perhaps ~~it~~ when he sees the talk on his return will get a chance to say something on the lines of the last 2 sentences.

JH  
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The President ~~admitted~~ <sup>admitted</sup> to me on Oct 1 that very little was going on as regards the talks, but that he felt he was gaining useful time. He did not think the present paper Govt. wanted to go to extremes but it was delicately poised & Schuman might get upper hand. R.C.

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