

Minutes. with: 6204/38/41

October 6th, 1941

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H.E.

With reference to your conversation on the Far East with Mr. Hull on October 3rd would Y.E. consider trying to find out when next you discuss this matter whether the distinction in Mr. Hull's mind between the assertion of his well-known principles in regard to China and the position existing in Manchukuo "which ~~is~~ traced from an earlier date" involves the possibility of recognition of Manchukuo or merely leaving the question aside and possibly keeping it in cold-storage for settlement with the general peace settlement? It seems to me that the point might have some importance from the point of view of sections of opinion in the U.K., as well as in the U.S.A. -

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Remind when I
next see Mr. Hull or Mr. Welles

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SIR RONALD CAMPBELL

I spoke to Mr. Welles this evening on this point, saying that I had not reported Mr. Hull's observations in great detail to London, and was speaking purely personally.

When Mr. Hull had used the language he did to me about Manchukuo, I had wondered /

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wondered whether this would imply recognition by the U.S. Government of the position in Manchukuo, or whether they would leave the question in suspense.

Mr. Welles said that what Mr. Hull had in mind was that if matters progressed so far as to make a general settlement possible on other matters, the U.S. Government would take the line of saying that they would not dispute any settlement at which China and Japan might arrive.

I asked him what would happen if China maintained her position as regards Manchukuo, and to this he replied that the particular point about Manchukuo in the form in which we were discussing it would not arise unless and until a general settlement had been reached agreeable to both China and Japan which would inevitably cover the point about Manchukuo.

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9th October, 1941

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