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H. E.

Lieut. R. Campbell

Mr. Stayer ^{RC} ^{RC}

I have put down on a separate sheet some points to take up with Mr. Hull. Subject to what he may say to Y. E., it might be a good thing to send a separate telegram to the F. O. explaining why we think the U. S. Govt. may be unwilling to take any immediate action to avert a Japanese attack on Siberia, or at any rate why they are unwilling to be more explicit at the present moment. Colonel Knox's statement that he feared a clash with Japan as inevitable will certainly have had some effect on Japan even if he was only voicing his personal opinion. A contrary effect was apparently caused by the Maritime Commission's statement about stoppage of shipments to Vladivostok. I believe this has been denied, but I am seeing Mr. Hamilton about it and the point can be answered on F. O. let. 5795 (flimsy attached).

Yes it has. Mr. Hull said he knew nothing of it till he saw it in the Press

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J. H. Hamilton 27/10

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.