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MR. DENING

Mr. Hull spoke to me this morning again about Japan.

In our last conversation he had thrown out the idea of a warning to Japan, on which I said I had not asked Mr. Eden any specific question, but could readily do so. I felt little doubt that His Majesty's Government would be very glad if United States Government did feel able to give a specific warning to Japan against any movement against Russia, and that if the United States Government did give such warning, I had little doubt we should be immediately ready to associate ourselves with it.

Mr. Hull again said that he would let me know when they had decided on their policy.

He emphasised the importance of Vladivostok, and bewailed the indiscretions both of the Maritime Commission and Colonel Knox.

His idea was to keep on sending ships to Vladivostok not convoyed: for if the Japanese wanted to stop them, they would stop them anyhow, and he did not want to appear as if he expected them to be stopped.

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