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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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My Lord,

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On receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 545 (F 5102/149/10) of June 6th I caused enquiries to be made of the State Department regarding the reaction of the United States Government to the invitation of the Council of the League of Nations to Governments represented on the Council and on the Far East Advisory Committee "to inform themselves as fully as possible as to cases of bombing by Japanese aircraft of civilian populations in China and to furnish without delay to the Council information so obtained"

2. The attitude of the State Department is that the United States Government has already made numerous protests on this subject to the Japanese Government, all of which have received full publicity. The United States press has also very fully reported all such outrages. In addition, the United States Government have made clear to armament and aircraft manufacturers in this country its disapproval of the export to Japan of any aircraft or weapons or bombs which could be used against civil populations in China,  
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The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K. G.,

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and as a result such exports have entirely  
ceased. In view of the above actions the  
United States Government see no advantage  
in recapitulating these facts to the Council  
of the League of Nations, and has no present  
intention of taking any action in reply to  
the Council's invitation.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(SGD) R. C. LINDSAY