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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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No. 831

My Lord,

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I have the honour with reference to my telegram No. 329 of July 22nd, to enclose herein for purposes of record the text of the letter addressed by the Secretary of State to Senator Pittman in reply to the enquiry of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as to whether the Senator's proposal to impose an embargo on exports to Japan was compatible with United States treaty engagements.

2. The text of Senator Vandenberg's resolution urging the abrogation of the 1911 Treaty between the United States and Japan and the re-assembly of the Brussels Conference is also enclosed together with a copy of Mr. Hull's letter regarding this resolution.

3. Senator Vandenberg's resolution was to have been discussed by the Foreign Relations Committee on July 26th and the newspapers seemed generally to anticipate that that section of it dealing with the abrogation of the 1911 Treaty would be approved although it was expected that the proposal to reassemble the Brussels Conference would be shelved. When, however, the Committee met, Senator Vandenberg proposed that in the light of the latest developments in the Far East and in particular of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations/

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The Right Honourable,

The Viscount Halifax, K. G.,

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negotiations, action should be suspended for the time being. This was agreed to but almost immediately afterwards as reported in my telegram No. 333, the Secretary of State announced that he, independently of any action by the Senate, had decided to give the Japanese Government notice of the intention of the United States Government to abrogate the Treaty.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,  
(SGD) R. C. LINDSAY