

SECRET

H.E.

It is suggested that when handing the attached Aide Mémoire to Mr. Hull this afternoon you might

1. Read to him the manuscript telegram from the F.O., No. 2698, and suggest that it reinforces our view of the Japanese manoeuvres.

2. Refer to Mr. Willkie's proposed visit to Japan on the following lines:-

"A visit to Japan by Mr. Willkie at this juncture seems to H.M.G. most injudicious since it could not fail to be interpreted as an attempt to appease Japan. It would strengthen the hand, not of more moderate opinion in Japan, but of Matsuoka himself, whereas the objective should surely be to discredit those who have committed Japan to an Axis policy and to have no truck with Japan unless there are solid grounds for feeling that a change of heart has taken place.

W. H. Murray
May 23rd, 1941.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

*Refer to U.S. action
but not suggest
other than
complete Hull's
in Japan letter
U.S. work*

*Hull's
suggested his reply
by hand with reference
to program - at
the point of interest
to the U.S. letter*

*Matsuoka
wondering
what to kill*

*"Suzuki's visit to Hull
undertaken"*

*See Tel. No. 2343 to Fo.
at 147.*