RECRET

December 17th, 1941.

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My dear Mr. President,

A message has been received from Mr. Duff Cooper at Singapore on the subject of the proposed naval and military conference there, to the following effect:-

representation for Australia, New
Zealand, United States and Netherlands
and am arranging that conference shall
start December 18th. If we were to
await arrival of representative from
Chungking there would be much delay and
report by December 20th as requested by
the President would certainly be
impossible/

The Honourable

Franklin D. Roosevelt,

President of the United States of America, Washington, D. C.

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"impossible. Should representative from Chungking arrive in time we shall of course be delighted to receive him."

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

(SGD) HALIFAX