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To: Circular (Berlin, La Paz, Lima, Mexico City,
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1. Japan has been patient since the spring but the tyrannical attitude of the U.S. has made it impossible to reach any compromise in our negotiations and today Imperial Japanese Army, Navy, and Air units attacked U.S. and British forces in the south. (We are sending a separate wire on the details of the negotiations.)

We need not emphasize the fact that the fate of our country is at stake in this opening of hostilities.

For the time being, please stress the following points in propaganda against the U.S.:

Part 2 1. Britain and the U.S. had been steadfast in their opposition to Japan's fixed and natural policy of prosecuting the China incident. Moreover, they had increased military preparations, organized an economic blockade, and were completely encircling Japan. Finally, it reached the point where the very existence of the Japanese Empire was threatened.

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2. Japan has great faith in the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis and has made clear her determination to cooperate in the establishment of a new world order.

Part 3 2. We would like you to send us (a) detailed report(s) of your opinions on the decisive step taken by Japan and continue sending intelligence reports. It is our earnest hope that even though your daily living conditions may grow more and more restricted, that you shall continue in your work, helping our country now embroiled in a great conflict.

(Wire addressed to all attachés.)

3. For daily reports on the situation, other than special reports, please rely on DOMEI wires and overseas broadcasts.

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