

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  

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ADVISER ON POLITICAL RELATIONS

December 16, 1941.

Mr. Secretary:

We have arranged with Mr. Spaulding for him to take charge of and set three or four men to work upon compilation of documents in United States-Japanese relations for the period September 18, 1931 to December 7, 1941. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Ballantine, Mr. Hiss and I will keep in close touch with this work as it proceeds. Mr. Ballantine will have special charge of the data relating to the exploratory conversations of this year.

*Tenuously initialed for SKH(ornbeck) by Alger Hiss.*

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