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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Reference: Conference at F.B.I. on 26 July, 1940

The following is an extract taken from pages four and five of the above conference report, regarding the handling and coverage of Japanese activities, and is quoted verbatim as requested by you.

"Mr. Hoover opened a discussion concerning the handling and coverage of Japanese activities. He stated that the Office of Naval Intelligence has done far more in this field than has any other agency heretofore. Admiral Anderson stated that the Navy has made some check on Japanese activities and has gone into some things which could only be done upon their aggrandized interpretation of Naval interest. He stated that the Navy Department does not want the full responsibility for the checking of the Japanese because of a lack of personnel, etc. Admiral Anderson furnished the conference with the background of Commander McCollom and pointed out that the Commander had resided in Japan, knows the Japanese language and has excellent Japanese contacts. Admiral Anderson agreed to make Commander McCollom and the Far Eastern Division of the Navy Department available for consultation and advice to the FBI at any time it was necessary or desirable. It was agreed that the Navy would continue to check Japanese activities in the same manner as in the past and that the FBI would take all possible steps to assimilate information concerning Japanese activities and to expand its own operations in this field."

/s/ E.R. Nixon
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