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On the 5th I sent the chancellor to Barantain<sup>\*\*</sup> to inform him what you told me. On the afternoon of the same day Barantain<sup>\*\*</sup> informed me that [the American Government appreciated Japan's offer very much and would like by all means to get her cooperation; that although America was doing her very best to find the location of the Earhart plane, the last message from it stated its position was somewhere about two hundred miles north of Howland Island, and that thereafter, there was no news;] that since the naval base at Honolulu has been made the search headquarters, Japan might get all the latest information therefrom, while she is cooperating in this search.

\* Not available.

\*\* Japanese transliteration of English word.

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#17 Sent as #174 to Washington.

Japan wishes to express her most profound condolences for the Earhart tragedy. She does so on behalf of both government and people. The South Sea Islands Government Office has ordered all ships, wireless stations, and sentinels near the Marshall Islands, the suspected scene of the accident, to give every possible assistance in discovering the lost plane. The Navy also has asked us to inform the United States that, if desired, it is prepared to search that region. The Navy is so informing its attache.

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