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Summary:

Report about a meeting with Baldwin and Cary of the AP regarding Eisenhower's attendance at the NATO Conference and attempted assassination of Sukarno.

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Lunch with Baldwin and Cary of the AP.

With regard to the fees for the monitoring of AP dispatches by our Foreign Ministry, Baldwin stated that his head office had repeatedly sent requests for payment, however, in view of his friendship with me, he did not do so. I told Baldwin that I had written to the Foreign Ministry and as soon as I receive a reply I would let him know.

Eisenhower will attend the NATO conference which will open from the 16th. And because of its failure in its satellite launching, the U.S. will not make public its future attempts. However, it was not the Defense Department that gave so much publicity to its first attempt. Some reporters somehow got hold of the news and released it.

With regard to the AP story on the purchase of precious gems by Kishi in Malaya, Baldwin stated that the Japanese prime minister did purchase \$40,000 worth of jewels. The AP confirmed it with the jeweller who sold them to Kishi.

According to Baldwin the assassination attempt on Sukarno was made by anti-Sukarno groups in the military. As to the economic sanctions against Netherlands interests in Indonesia and the order for the expulsion of all Dutch national from Indonesia by the Indonesian government, Baldwin stated that the newspapers exaggerated a little. This afternoon, the AP received a telephone from their men in Jakarta and they learned

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that the actual situation was not quite what the papers reported.

Inagaki, who used to be with the English Mainichi is now employed by the AP. Today, he interviewed the ambassador who stated that he could not tell what the turnout would be with regard to the negotiations now being conducted with the Japs. I learned this from Baldwin.