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Ambassador Urabe informed me after our 18 hole golf game this morning (7-11:30 AM) with the Japanese Economic Survey Mission under Mr. Ojima, that last night he received a message from his home government expressing concern over the statement of Sen. Ray and the stories in the papers that the Phil Japan Trade and Navigation Agreement would be rejected or ratified with conditions or reservations, equivalent to a rejection. This would embarrass the Japanese government which would like to continue aiding the Philippines.

He suggested that if the treaty cannot be ratified, then the best thing to do is not to reject it but to freeze it ~~in~~ the Senate. I conveyed this to Sen. Pres. Puyat, Sen. Jose Ray, Foreign Relations Com. Chairman of the Senate (who claims this has been his plan all along) and Sen. Carlos Romulo. I directed that we find out what reservations each senator has, then see if they are so substantial that the Japanese would consider them equivalent to rejection and if so we would freeze the treaty in the Senate committee. We met on this on Tuesday.

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Ambassador Urabe apologized for an order to be seeing the head of state directly on this but I encouraged him to see me personally if the Sec of Foreign Affairs could not be of help.