EXHIBIT NO. 111

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington, December 5, 1941.

The PRESIDENT,

The White House.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The Australian Minister called to see me last night. The Minister told me that Sir Keith Murdock, a leading newspaper publisher in Australia, had now suggested that Wendell Willkie visit Australia. You may remember that this matter was discussed some months ago but nothing came of it.

The Minister showed me a telegram which he had received from his Prime Minister stating that if Mr. Willkie were now to visit Australia with the "imprimatur" of the President his visit would be most welcome to the Australian

Government.

The Prime Minister in his cable to Mr. Casey expressed the hope that this could be arranged or possibly that you might appoint him your personal representative.

The telegram from the Prime Minister concluded with a message to the effect that the Australian Government "welcomes the leadership of President Roosevelt in these critical times."

I told the Minister that I would have to submit the question to you and that I would let him have any comment which you wished me to make.

Will you let me know what your wishes may be?

Believe me.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ S. Welles.

DECEMBER 5, 1941.

DEAR WENDELL: The enclosed has just come to me from Summer Welles and I want to assure you that it would give me very great pleasure if you would care to make a short trip to Australia. I could arrange the official procedure any way you like—and because it would follow precedent I could give you special letters as a Special Representative of the President to the Prime Ministers of New Zealand and Australia—in which case you would travel at government expense. Or you could go as a private citizen with the letters from me to the Prime Ministers giving your visit my blessing.

I leave this matter wholly in your hands, as I think you should consult your own convenience—and I think both of us should be extremely careful, if you

do go, lest it be said that I am sending you "out of the country"!

It would, of course, be of real value to cement our relations with New Zealand and Australia and would be useful not only now but in the future. There is always the Japanese matter to consider. The situation is definitely serious and there might be an armed clash at any moment if the Japanese continued their forward progress against the Philippines, Dutch Indies or Malays or Burma. Perhaps the next four or five days will decide the matter.

[2] In any event, I do wish you would let me know the next time you

come to Washington as there are many things for us to talk over.

Always sincerely,

s/ F. D. R.

[In longhand the President wrote:] This was dictated Friday morning—long before this vile attack started. F. D. R.

Honorable Wendell Willkie, 15 Broad Street, New York, N. Y.

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Enclosure. Let. from Welles to the President 12/5/41 saying that if Mr. Wilkie were now to visit Australia with the "imprimatur" of the Pres, his visit would be most welcome to the Australian Govt.

THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, December 8, 1941.

Memorandum for the President:

The attached letter which you dictated to Wendell Willkie but which did not get out before the Japanese trouble is brought to your attention because I know you will want to change it.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, December 8, 1941.

Memorandum for Sumner Welles:

I have sent the following letter to Wendell Willkie. I will let you know what he says.

F. D. R.

Enclosure.

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Transmitting copy of President's letter of 12/5/41 to Hon. Wendell Willkie, in re appt. of Mr. Willkie as a Special Representative of the President to the Prime Ministers of New Zealand and Australia.

EXHIBIT NO. 112

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