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Dear Giovanni,

I have finished reading the book by John K. Emmerson which you took the trouble to photocopy for me. With regard to the mention of my father on the Pearl Harbor attack advance warning, he quotes both versions: Ambassador Grew's and my father's as published in a 1949 interview in "El Comercio". The impression I get is that he greatly admired Grew and his blind belief in the possibilities and success of diplomacy and supports his version of events. All this in spite of the evident militaristic form of government and increasing territorial conquests and ambitions by the Japanese.

I remember that you asked me what sort of relationship Ambassador Grew and my father had. I repeat that it was social and diplomatic but also professionally close. They had known each other for some years prior to 1941 as proved by the dedicated photograph dated 1937 which appears in Juan del Campo's book. This would also prove that as hierarchical equals with a good working relationship established some years previously, my father, who was a strict and traditional observer of diplomatic procedure, would never have disclosed such important intelligence (information) regarding the security of the United States to a Secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. It would only have been done in person and to the Head of the U.S. Mission: Ambassador Grew. As I also mentioned, their relationship became very strained when they were both on the same ship deported from Japan. Ambassador Grew, my father said, looked extremely depressed and avoided the Pearl Harbor subject only mentioning that he had "duly informed" his Government of the intelligence given to him in January 1941.

Best personal regards,

Jorge Rivera-Schreiber