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A former aide to President Hughes said yesterday, in answer to a question, that aiding Japan to the extent of $100,000,000, as has been reported, is not likely.

He said that the report had been refuted by the American Secretary of the Treasury, but that the incident should be investigated seriously.

The aide said that he was not aware of any plans for the sale of arms to Japan, but that the government was engaged in a program of economic aid to that country.

He added: "I do not know whether this report is true or false, but it is our policy to aid Japan in every possible way."