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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au chargé d'affaires au Japon
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Chargé d'Affaires in Japan

TELEGRAM 174

Ottawa, December 7, 1941

IMMEDIATE. War Committee is meeting at 7.30 tonight. Further telegram will be sent you immediately after meeting.

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Décret du Conseil
Order in Council

P.C. 9592

December 7, 1941

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 7th December, 1941, from the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, representing:

That, today, Japan has wantonly and treacherously attacked British territory and British forces, and also United States territory and United States forces;

That Japan's actions are a threat to the defence and freedom of Canada and the other nations of the British Commonwealth;

That the Government of Canada, in accordance with the decision of the Parliament of Canada for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain to resist aggression, has associated itself with the Government of the United Kingdom in these hostilities; and

That it is expedient that a Proclamation should be issued declaring the existence of a state of war between Canada and Japan.

The Prime Minister, therefore, recommends that the advice of the King's Privy Council for Canada be submitted to the King, with a view to the authorization by His Majesty of the issuing of a Proclamation forthwith, to be published in the *Canada Gazette*, to the following effect:

Declaring that a state of war with Japan exists and has existed in Canada as and from the seventh day of December, 1941.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval.