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From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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CIRCULAR D. 30

Circular D. 30. Most Secret. My telegram Circular D. 17 of January 12th. Following for your Prime Minister, Begins: Anglo-Franco-Turkish Agreements.

Agreement as to chrome provides that Turkey will reserve for the United Kingdom and France the balance of her chrome production not exported to the United States of America, and the United Kingdom and France undertake to purchase this balance up to a specified total. This Agreement is for two years with option on either side to renew for one year.

The Agreement as to Turkish dried fruits, etc., is that the United Kingdom and French Governments undertake jointly to purchase sultanas, raisins and hazelnuts from Turkey to the value of 22,000,000 per annum for the period of the war, with option on either side to end Agreement at the end of season of 1942 - 1943.

These Agreements have their origin in the importance attached to securing the diversion from Germany of Turkish production of chrome ore, a key material of which Germany is very seriously short, and of which Turkey is much the most important producer within the contraband ring. The position was that Turkish authorities intimated that if chrome supplies were withheld from Germany, Germany would not buy Turkish dried fruits for which there was no other market, and we were thus faced with the necessity of accepting the dried fruits etc. transaction as part of the bargain.