

in United Kingdom. It is stated that communication from Swiss Minister makes it clear that request was intended to cover German interests in New Zealand. Was this telegram sent by mistake and was request intended to cover German interests in Canada? If it was intended to cover German interests in Canada I should be obliged if you would notify concurrence of Canadian Government to Swiss Minister.

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*Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

DESPATCH 1636

Washington, September 4, 1939

SECRET

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 468 of the 29th August concerning recent developments in the policy of the United States with regard to Japan, I have the honour to inform you that in a conversation with the Assistant Secretary of State on September 2nd on other matters I discussed the situation created by the action of the United States in giving the necessary six months' formal notice to Japan of the termination of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce of 1911.

2. In reply to my query as to whether the United States contemplated negotiating a new treaty Mr. Welles said that it would depend entirely on the attitude of Japan to the United States. He said that if the new Government were prepared to deal fairly with and respect the interests of the United States it was possible that the United States Government might be ready to consider negotiations for a new treaty. I gathered, however, that the United States Government did not contemplate taking such action in the near future and in the meantime the Government intended to keep Japan as uncertain as possible of the future policy of the United States towards Japan. This information regarding the attitude of the United States he considered to be highly confidential, but he was quite willing that I should communicate it to you.

I have etc.

W. A. RIDDELL

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

TELEGRAM 48

Tokyo, September 4, 1939

We have received no telegrams, probably due to congestion of cables, but heard British Prime Minister's speech by radio 7 hours ago.