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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commissioner in Britain

TELEGRAM 301

Ottawa, September 9, 1939

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. It is probable that it will be necessary for you to make a most important submission to the King possibly tomorrow on behalf of the Canadian Government. You should therefore ascertain where His Majesty will be and hold yourself in readiness to act without delay upon receipt of instructions.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commissioner in Britain

TELEGRAM 306

Ottawa, September 9, 1939

SECRET. MOST IMMEDIATE. It is requested that the following submission be made to His Majesty the King, Begins:

The Prime Minister of Canada presents his humble duty to His Majesty the King.

It is expedient that a Proclamation should be issued in the name of His Majesty, in Canada, declaring that a state of war with the German Reich has existed in Canada as and from September (date to be inserted later).

The Prime Minister of Canada, accordingly, humbly submits to His Majesty the petition of the King's Privy Council for Canada that His Majesty may approve the issuing of such a Proclamation in His name.

The Prime Minister of Canada remains His Majesty's most faithful and obedient servant.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING, Prime Minister of Canada.

Ottawa, September (date to be inserted later), 1939. Ends.

It is requested that you present the above submission in writing immediately to the King, informing His Majesty that upon approval by Parliament of the address to His Excellency a short telegram [in] clear will be sent,