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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

SECRET

[Ottawa,] July 12, 1941

The following information, regarding Japanese plans in the Pacific, was received this morning from the Department of National Defence for Naval Services, which had received it from a "most reliable United States source".

- (1) All Japanese shipping lines agents in the United States have been given orders to see that their vessels are west of the Panama Canal by August 1, irrespective of passenger or cargo arrangements then existing.
- (2) It is the intention of the Japanese Government to declare war on Russia any time after August 1st.

The first item is a known fact, confirmed by our own and British Naval Intelligence authorities. The second item is necessarily more speculative. Last week we were informed by London that United States Naval Intelligence thought that July 20th was probably the deadline date for Japanese aggression. At that time they were in doubt as to whether Japan would move north against Russia, south against the Netherlands East Indies, or southwest through Indo-China and Siam. The evidence available appeared to indicate then that the last course was the most likely, but this morning's news may mean that they have more precise information about the direction of Japanese preparations.

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Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM 115

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SECRET. Japan. My telegram Circular D.422.¹ We should be glad to learn whether in the event of United States Government feeling able to consider restriction of non essential imports from Japan, Canadian Government would

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