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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 59

Ottawa, April 24, 1941

SECRET. Your telegram No. 66 of April 23rd.¹ Prime Minister has arranged to see Japanese Minister on latter's return from Washington at end of this week. In view of the general political situation and of considerations emphasized in your telegrams, it was thought wise to modify export control policy in respect of Japanese shipments to permit exportation of pulp logs firm orders for which had been placed before the export permit requirement was introduced. It is also proposed to allow export permits for shipment of wheat to Japan up to quantity which had been purchased on Japanese account at time export permits were required for wheat. We are hopeful that these modifications in policy which we will explain to Japanese Minister on his return will relieve present strain.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au ministre aux États-Unis
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Minister in United States

TELEGRAM 131

Ottawa, April 26, 1941

SECRET. As you are aware Canadian Government have not only been refusing all export permits for shipment of strategic materials to Japan but have not granted any export permits for shipment of wheat since permit requirement was made operative, and since export permit requirement was extended to cover all exports to Japan they have been refusing export permits for pulp logs. In view of the general political situation and having regard to character of Japanese representations against what they regard as provocative and discriminatory character of Canadian export restrictions, it has been decided to modify export control policy in respect of Japanese shipments so as to permit exportation of pulp logs firm orders for which had been placed before the export permit requirement was introduced. It is also proposed to allow export permits for shipments of wheat to Japan up to quantity which had been purchased in Canada on Japanese account at time export permits were required for wheat.

Having in mind the importance of avoiding any action that might embarrass the general position in the Pacific and noting that the United States are not requiring export permits for either of the commodities mentioned, the Canadian Government have felt that it was only wise to modify their policy

¹ Document 1269.