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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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LONDON, July 28th, 1940.

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CIRCULAR D. 378.

Circular D. 378. Most Secret. Following for your Prime Minister, Begins:

French Colonies.

1. Situation of French West Africa remains generally unsatisfactory, though some local authorities appear anxious to maintain unofficial friendly relations. In Equatorial Africa position is obscure owing to change of Governors-General, but there is evident inclination to combine outward obedience to Vichy, with surreptitious co-operation, particularly in economic matters, with us. Situation in the Cameroons has deteriorated following visit of emissaries from Vichy.

France.

2. French Government have refused to receive a diplomatic agent in France until settlement has been reached of incidents created by retention in London of certain members of French mission, and dropping of leaflets in French Morocco regarded as injurious to Petain Government.

3. French Minister for Foreign Affairs is reported to have informed delegate from League of Nations that French Government do not at present wish to leave the League since:

(a) Such decision would be interpreted as having been dictated by Axis Powers;

(b) League affords bridge with us which they wish to keep.

Spain.

4. Contrary to local rumours, Spanish Government's determination