

to continue this policy of expansion by force or threat of force into countries bordering on British territories. They cannot disregard the plain threat [to] security of those territories which such a policy would constitute.

2. His Majesty's Government therefore, who have for their part no aggressive intentions either against these countries or against Japan herself, feel that the time has come for most complete candour. They accordingly find it necessary in the interests of peace to let the Japanese Government know that any further Japanese encroachment in the southwest Pacific area would compel His Majesty's Government to take counter measures even though these might lead to war between Great Britain and Japan.

Ends.

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Le secrétaire d'État suppléant aux Affaires extérieures au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne

Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commissioner in Great Britain

TELEGRAM 1353

Ottawa, August 30, 1941

Following for Prime Minister. Begins. War Committee discussed this morning Dominions Office Circular M.273, representations to Japan, and, subject to your concurrence, agreed that our representative in Tokyo might be asked to inform Japanese Government that Canadian Government merely associated themselves with United Kingdom representations rather than make a similar communication to Japanese Government. If you agree, assume you will inform United Kingdom authorities, and we then could take the necessary action here at the proper time. [Ends.]

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Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures¹ au secrétaire d'État suppléant aux Affaires extérieures

Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs¹ to Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs

[Ottawa,] August 30, 1941

1. In view of the fact that the United States has cancelled all outstanding export licences for Japan and the United Kingdom is adopting

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