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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, CANADIAN LEGATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The following instructions supersede those outlined in my telegram of the 10th of June, No. 102, and should be made the basis of immediate representations to the Secretary of State.

1. The Canadian Government regrets that the United States Government has announced a decision to require passports and visas from all Canadians entering the United States.

Aside from the regret with which we should see an end brought to a border procedure which was distinctive and symbolic of the special neighbourhood relations between our two peoples, we anticipate serious economic effects upon our capacity for carrying on the war effort which each week's events are making more imperative and more difficult. The mere announcement of the United States action has already resulted in halting arrangements for visiting Canada by thousands of United States citizens who have either misinterpreted the effect of the announcement by the Department of State or who anticipate the taking of similar action by the Government of Canada. If the Canadian Government are compelled to take such action the effect of these joint policies would undoubtedly be to deprive Canada of a great part of <sup>the</sup> United States exchange which is essential if we are to make the purchases vital for our war preparations.

2. The Canadian Government fully understands the desire of the Government of the United States to prevent the admission of subversive elements within their territory. We share