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NO. 824.

No. 824. Secret. It is believed that recent German attacks by plane on merchant shipping inaugurates a new policy. Hitherto ships thus attacked have been in convoy but in last few days isolated ships have been attacked, the large ones having been missed but several small ships having been hit and sunk. Ships were both bombed and machine gunned. The Air Ministry takes serious view of this new form of unrestricted warfare.

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