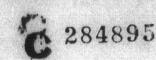
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## TELEGRAM



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From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

MOST SECRET & PERSONAL

CYPHER

LONDON, January 13th, 1940

CIRCULAR D. 22

Circular D. 22. Most Secret and Personal. Following for your Prime Minister, Begins:

My telegram Circular D. 16 of January 10th. We have now further considered proposal referred to in my telegram Circular D. 6, to take naval action to stop traffic of iron ore from Sweden to Germany through Norwegian territorial waters. Having regard to attitude of Swedish and Norwegian Governments as relayed in my telegram Circular D. 15, and to more general considerations including importance of maintaining position whereby supplies for assistance to Finland can be transmitted through Sweden, we have reached the conclusion it would be best to postpone for the present taking the action contemplated. We are still, of course, very anxious to secure co-operation of the Swedish and Norwegian Governments in diminishing the supply of iron ore to Germany and have in mind the possibility of initiating further negotiations with those Governments to this end. In the circumstances we do not propose for the time being to inform those Governments of our decision to postpone naval action in territorial waters. Ends.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

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