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

IMPORTANT

LONDON, November 25th, 1939.

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CIRCULAR D. 102.

Circular D. 102. Most Secret. My telegram November 21st, Circular D. 96. Terms of Order-in-Council to give effect to decision as to seizure of enemy exports are now under consideration, and it is expected that the Order will be issued on November 28th. It is contemplated the preamble should recite the illegal actions taken by Germany in contravention of laws and customs of war, rights of neutrals and obligations of humanity, and in disregard of international instruments to which she is a party, such illegal actions at once necessitating and justifying retaliatory action on our part. Draft text of operative part of proposed Order is contained in my immediately following telegram.

Final text will be communicated to you by mail as soon as available and copies will be sent at once to the High Commissioner in London.

It is further proposed on date of publication to address Notes to representatives of foreign neutral countries assuring them that every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to neutral shipowners and merchants.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

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