

difficulties for the first time to Halifax last night, but this may not reflect President's views. I understand United Kingdom assurance to Thais is being delivered. Ends.

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Skelton Papers, PAC

*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*  
*Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR M.437

London, December 6, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. Japan.

1. Report was received by Admiralty from Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet, afternoon of December 6th, to the effect that two Japanese convoys, comprising 35 transports escorted by eight cruisers and ten destroyers, had been sighted at between 3.00 a.m. and 4.00 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time by reconnaissance aircraft off Cambodia Point. Convoys were preceded by advance guard of three destroyers and were steaming westwards.

2. Later report from Commander-in-Chief stated advance guard had altered course north west.

3. Further telegram on this movement will be sent as soon as possible, but information available is not yet sufficient to establish whether Japanese are making for (1) Kra Isthmus, (2) Bangkok, (3) anchorage in Indo-China between Cambodia Point and Thailand border. Admiralty advise last mentioned possibility can by no means be excluded. Ends.

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*Le haut commissaire en Australie au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*  
*High Commissioner in Australia to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 105

Canberra, December 7, 1941

MOST SECRET. My telegram No. 102 of November 28th.<sup>1</sup> Plans for active co-operation of Netherlands East Indies in defence of Dutch islands near Australia, which were agreed upon some time ago by Staffs, are being put into operation today.

Australia has signified approval of proposal for formal understanding with the Dutch.

<sup>1</sup> Non reproduit.<sup>1</sup> Not printed.