

Despatch of a warning telegram prepared in Dominions Office for Dominion Capitals has been postponed pending official confirmation of reports from Germany and Poland referred to above. Cabinet is now in session. Will telegraph later directly I have definite information.

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

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM B. 313

London, September 1, 1939

IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister, Begins:

Germany-Poland

Our Berlin Embassy was informed through Goering at 10 a.m. that Poles had blown up Dirschau bridge during the night; fighting commenced with Danzigers. Hitler thereupon ordered Goering drive back the Poles from the border-line and destroy the Polish air force along the frontier.

2. Polish Ministry for Foreign Affairs stated that Cracow, Katowitz and other cities bombed by Germans 6 a.m. today and frontier crossed by small German detachments.

3. According to French Ambassador at Warsaw, communications between Germany and Poland were cut before Polish Ambassador could report the result of his conversation with Ribbentrop last night.

4. Efforts to reach Warsaw by telephone this morning have failed; lines passing through Germany.

Italy

Our Ambassador at Rome has received official and most secret assurance from Ciano that Italy will not fight against this country or France unless hostile action is taken against her; in which case she will defend herself with her whole strength.

It is vital that this information shall not become known to anyone. Ends.

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IMMEDIATE. SECRET. My Circular despatch B. 55.¹ His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington has been instructed by telegraph to request the United

¹ Voir le doc. 975/see doc. 975.