

have before them an application for the export of 650,000 [board] feet of common Douglas Fir lumber to a well known British firm in Shanghai. They recommend the granting of the permit on the ground that it is

- (a) a continuation of a well established trade;
- (b) intended for use in the International Settlement; and
- (c) is not a large quantity in relation to normal imports of lumber into Shanghai which, before the war, averaged 35,000,000 [board] feet a year.

In the ordinary course, all export permits covering shipments to the Far East are considered by the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee which assists the Export Permit Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce in dealing with difficult cases. In the present instance, it would be helpful, however, to have Governmental approval of our inclination to grant the specific applications noted in this memorandum.*

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*Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in Great Britain to Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 1137

London, June 19, 1941

SECRET. Your telegram No. 601 of April 26th,¹ control of exports to Japan. In connection with proposal to allow export permits for shipment of Canadian wheat up to quantity which had been purchased in Canada on Japanese account at the time export permits were required for wheat; United Kingdom authorities take this to mean that purchases made before February 13th last will be allowed to be shipped, but no more, and enquire whether we have any information as to what this quantity amounts to, as it would be of great interest to Ministry of Economic Warfare who are, at present, engaged in a study of Japan's food position, to know how much wheat Japan is likely to obtain from Canada, and point is also material in connection with applications Japanese are making for increased supplies from Australia. United Kingdom authorities would greatly appreciate any information it may be possible to make available as soon as possible.

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* Note telle que dans l'original:

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Given by War Committee 21-6-41.K[ing].

¹ Voir la note au document 1274 à la page 1392. ² See footnote to Document 1274, p. 1392.