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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

[Ottawa,] September 24, 1941

REFERENCE: DOMINIONS OFFICE CIRCULAR TELEGRAM
MOST SECRET M.308 OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1941¹

In this telegram we were advised by the United Kingdom Government that they had formed the opinion that it would be unwise to proceed at present with plans discussed some weeks ago for addressing a direct diplomatic warning to Japan against the consequences of further aggression on her part. They propose to stand on the warning to Japan given in Mr. Churchill's broadcast of August 24th.

The United Kingdom propose to inform the United States Government of the decision they have reached, and to make this communication in such form as to make it clear that if the United States thought that they could usefully make any further statement to Japan, they would do so. In the telegram under reference, the United Kingdom indicate that they would be glad to learn as soon as possible whether the Canadian Government concur in a communication being addressed to the United States Government on these lines.* The reasons governing United Kingdom policy in this matter seem to be entirely cogent. If you wish to let Mr. Churchill know that you see no objection to his informing the United States Government of the course he plans to take, a draft reply is attached for your approval.²

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I am enclosing a memorandum, prepared by Mr. Keenleyside, commenting on Dominions Office telegram Circular M.310 of September 20th regarding

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* Note telle que dans la copie du dossier:

* Note as on file copy:

P.M. concurred 26.9.41 [N. A. Robertson]

² Voir le document 1366 pour le télégramme dans sa forme finale.² For the telegram as sent see Document 1366.