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

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we have in mind, German trade will lose much more and her ability to finance imports from contiguous countries will be very seriously impaired with a consequent shortening of war.

It is realized that objections may be raised by neutral countries, but there is reason to think such action on our part was, in fact, expected from the outset of hostilities. United States ships are already barred by action of their own Government from areas which will be affected.

The precise arrangements to give effect to the restriction of German exports are under close examination. In the meantime the Prime Minister is announcing decision in a statement in the House of Commons this afternoon in terms given in my immediately following telegram. Message ends.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
DOMINION AFFAIRS

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