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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 1309

London, July 22, 1941

MOST SECRET. Personal for the Prime Minister. Begins. It is the view of the War Cabinet that a southward move on the part of Japan is now imminent, aggressive action being likely in a very few days. Matsuoka's resignation, although it removes from the Cabinet a belligerent and pro-Axis member, is not regarded as encouraging sign. His retirement was apparently due to the fact that his strong pro-Russian views and demonstration made him lose face in the light of subsequent events in Europe. Ends.

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

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR M.170

London, July 22, 1941

MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. My telegram Circular M.156 of July 15th. Japan. We learn from most secret source that new Japanese Government are proceeding with demands on Vichy and that unless French have previously agreed, bases in Indo-China will be occupied by force on July 24th. United States Government have similar information.

2. We regard it as most important that the source of this information should not be compromised. Information should accordingly not be quoted.

3. State Department have also informed us that they have learned that eleven Japanese troopships left ports in China on July 21st, and that convoy of Japanese troopships has left Formosa for unknown destination. Ends.

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

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR M. 172

London, July 22, 1941

IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. Japan. My telegram Circular M. 166,<sup>1</sup> paragraph 1(a).

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