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

TELEGRAM 224

Ottawa, December 5, 1940

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegram No. 171 of December 5. Wheat for Spain. You will have seen our telegram No. 223, Dec. 5th. As will be apparent from this telegram we see no reason why Spanish Government should not be advised that a Spanish ship could sail for Canada immediately.

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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 175

London, December 7, 1940

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegram No. 223, and your telegram No. 224 of December 5th, wheat for Spain. We are very grateful for your readiness to help and promptness with which you met our request for an urgent decision. We fully appreciate general considerations you raise. In the circumstances we have decided to offer Spain at once 25,000 tons of our wheat in Canada. We are also offering Spain for shipment in December up to 50,000 tons of wheat which we have bought in the Argentine against sterling. It is thought that these consignments will be sufficient to meet the immediate situation.

We much appreciate your readiness to take into account, in connection with some other transaction, our desire to replace Canadian portion of this wheat in due course without additional strain on our dollar resources.