

in order to enable it to perform the functions which must be completed during the present year. This might be some time in November. I shall inform you by telegram of any developments.

I have etc.

H. H. WRONG

1031.

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

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

TELEGRAM 272

Ottawa, September 1, 1939

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegram No. 326. Press reports have been received of Hitler's speech and action taken as to Danzig but we have had no official communication from the Government of the United Kingdom beyond Circular Telegram B. 311¹ stating that there was no confirmation of rumours of German bombing of Warsaw. I should be glad to be continued to be informed of developments. Council met at nine this morning and decided to summon Parliament to meet on September 7th and to proclaim the War Measures Act. Statement as to the proposals which the Government will lay before Parliament will be issued as soon as definitive word of developments on the Continent and in the United Kingdom has been received.

I have sent the following telegram to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs. Begins: Your telegram Circular B. 311 of 1st September indicating no confirmation of rumours of German bombing of Warsaw. We should be glad to be advised immediately of any definite developments in the German-Polish situation or of any decisions taken by the Government or Parliament of the United Kingdom. Ends.

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

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

TELEGRAM 327

London, September 1, 1939

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. There is no confirmation as yet of alarming rumours of invasion of Poland and bombing of Warsaw. These have been traced to a journalistic source in Paris. I am afraid however that irrevocable steps have been taken by Germany within the last twelve hours and that there is little or no hope of averting (word omitted). Hitler's Reichstag speech confirms this.

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