

- (a) No Treasury licences will be issued for any exports of wood pulp, metals and manufactures, machinery and vehicles, rubber and manufactures and chemicals and related products, except certain pharmaceuticals. These restrictions are superimposed on current direct controls.
- (b) No Treasury licences will henceforth be issued for high grade gasoline, lubricating oils and crudes. Licences for lowest grade gasoline limited to one quarter of exports in first half of 1941; similarly lubricating oils restricted to about one sixth. Lowest grade crudes will be licensed up to volume of exports in 1935-1936, but Japanese have not been buying these qualities.
- (c) Licences for cotton will be issued up to current basic exports about \$500,000 monthly which is one eighth of 1935 volume.

2. Restrictions on petroleum products are being announced tonight, although not in form stated above. Announcement of other restrictions will be made shortly. Regulations are being prepared covering parcel post.

3. There are no current sales of wheat to Japan by the United States. Position respecting cotton is probably closest analogy, and they would judiciously grant licences in circumstances set forth in your telegram.

4. General effect of latest decisions is virtually to confine United States exports to Japan to some cotton and low grade petroleum products. No imports of any importance will be licensed.

[PIÈCE JOINTE 2/ENCLOSURE 2]

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

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR M.202

London, August 2, 1941

IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. My telegram Circular M.200.¹ Following for Prime Minister. Begins. Japan.

1. Possibility that Japanese may be contemplating early action in relation to Thailand, and messages now received from Thai Prime Minister have made it imperative that we should take up at once with the United States Government advisability of a warning being conveyed to the Japanese before the latter are committed to a further move. We also wish to raise with the United States Government at the earliest suitable moment general question of an assurance that in the event of war with Japan we may count upon their armed support, see my telegram to Commonwealth Government No. 515 (Canada No. 125, July 26th).¹ A third approach is also necessary since such

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