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Le chargé d'affaires au Japon au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Chargé d'Affaires in Japan to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM 112

Tokyo, July 11, 1941

1. Mitsubishi enquires whether we are prepared to grant export permits for the sale of 100,000 tons of wheat to Japan.

2. After consulting various officials here, I may have some comments to offer. Meanwhile Australian Legation informs me that Australia still sells wheat to Japan on a cash basis.

3. In helping you to arrive at a decision you might wish to instruct our Legation at Washington to obtain copies of Foreign Office telegrams Nos. 776 and 777, both of July 2nd, to British Embassy here, which were repeated to Washington as telegrams Nos. 3695 and 3696.

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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.151

London, July 12, 1941

MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. My telegram Circular M.140. Japan.

1. Possible denunciation of Commercial Treaty in the event of a further southward move by Japan was one of suggestions upon which views of the Dominions Governments were invited in my telegram of April 5th, Circular D.182.¹ Main points made in replies received to those suggestions were

- (1) Importance of suiting action to the circumstances as they arise and avoiding provocative measures which might do more harm than good.
- (2) Importance of securing United States co-operation in any retaliatory measures which might be contemplated.

As regards Commercial Treaty, general view expressed was, that in the circumstances envisaged, denunciation might have little to commend it except from the point of view of bringing us into line with the United States. Canadian Government for their part expressed doubts as to wisdom of such

¹ Document 1261.