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*Memorandum from Third Secretary¹ to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

[Ottawa,] December 7, 1941

I talked to Mr. Wrong in Washington, asking him whether or not he knew if the Japanese declaration of war was against the British Commonwealth or against the United Kingdom alone. He said he had just called the State Department on that point, and that they could not say, officially, whether Japan had even declared war on the United Kingdom. The State Department have been trying, but without success, to get through by telephone to their Embassy in Tokyo. Wrong suggested that it might be possible to get the official facts through from London, and suggested that it might be worth while to telephone Massey by long distance, in order to get the facts straight. He said he was in constant touch with the State Department, and as soon as any definite word came through he would get in touch with you later in the evening.

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Further word has been received from Mr. Wrong to the effect that the State Department had received no official word of a declaration of war, even against the United States by Japan, and that the only source of information regarding a declaration of war is official radio reports.

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Skelton Papers, PAC

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

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR D.W.1005

London, December 7, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET AND PERSONAL. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. Report timed 5.40 p.m., G.M.T. today received from

¹ S. F. Rae.