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From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS  
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

MOST SECRET & PERSONAL

LONDON, January 9th, 1940.

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CIRCULAR D. 15

Circular D. 15. Most Secret and Personal. Following  
for your Prime Minister, Begins:

1. My telegram Circular D. 7 of January 5th. Norwegian Government have appealed through their Minister in London to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom not to pursue the proposal to take steps to stop German trade in Norwegian territorial waters. They maintain that according to Norwegian naval authorities in none of the three cases cited by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom has it been definitely proved that the ship was torpedoed and in two cases it is possible that the sinking took place outside of the three mile limit, and they consider that even if the facts were as alleged this would not imply that the Germans had made the coast of Norway a theatre of war and in practice deprived it of its neutral character. They adhere to their determination to maintain strict neutrality and fear that the result of British action would be to involve Norway in war.

2. Swedish Minister at London now states that the Swedish Government view the proposal with the gravest concern, though they are less concerned with the effect of the proposed action on Swedish exports than with results of German retaliation and consequent compromising of Scandinavian neutrality. Ends.

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