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

SECRET

CYPHER

LONDON. July 9, 1940

CIRCULAR D. 324.

Circular D. 324. Secret. Following for the  
Prime Minister, Begins:

Note has been received to-day from the French  
Charge d'Affaires intimating that his functions in relation  
to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom must cease  
and that he has been invited to return to France with members  
of the Embassy. Note states that the French Government feels  
compelled to withdraw its Diplomatic Representatives in this  
country in view of the action taken by the Royal Navy against  
the French Fleet on July 3rd.

We are considering a reply which we hope may lead  
the French Government to reconsider its attitude.

As regards members of various French Commissions  
in London, we are informing the French Government that it is  
intended to arrange, in due course, for return to French  
territory of all members of French Commissions in this country  
who wish to go there, so far as this may be possible, and  
having regard to particular circumstances of each case. In  
the meantime they are being kept as guests of the United  
Kingdom Government in all comfort in temporary segregation.

Object of above action is to retain a few special  
individuals who are in possession of particularly secret  
information. Secret persons concerned are being kept in one  
of Oxford Colleges. Arrangement does not apply to members  
of the Embassy staff, except Service Attache. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS.

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