

As you know, the Japanese ship *Kozui Maru* is due in Vancouver tonight. We have assured the Japanese Legation that she will be permitted to enter and clear from Vancouver without interference. If she has any cargo on board for Canada, she will be allowed to discharge it. We have not, however, given the Japanese Legation any answer to their enquiry whether this vessel will be permitted to load the 4500 tons of wheat for which an export permit had been granted before the Japanese aggression in Indo-China.

We asked our Legation in Washington to ascertain whether the United States authorities would refuse to permit such export under similar circumstances (see para. 3 of our telegram 294). Mr. Wrong took the matter up with Dean Acheson, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, in charge of the United States policy under the freezing order. Acheson pointed out that there were no current sales of wheat being made to Japan by the United States, but their position in respect of exports of raw cotton is probably very similar to our position in respect of wheat. Under present circumstances they would be inclined to "judiciously grant export licences".

I think we can sit tight over the weekend, and defer until Monday a decision whether or not we will allow the wheat to be exported. The United Kingdom Government are very exercised about divergencies developing between United Kingdom and United States policy in applying the freezing order to exports to Japan. We want to keep in step with both of them. This is obviously impossible until they get in step with each other. The British Ambassador is being instructed to take up at once with the United States authorities the question of how the freezing order is to be applied and we should know the results of his approaches very quickly. I am relaying to the Dominions Office for their information copy of Washington telegram No. 324.*

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Minister in United States to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM 324

Washington, August 1, 1941

SECRET. Your telegram No. 294 of July 31st.

1. Under decisions taken today, United States exports to Japan will be subjected to further drastic restrictions.

* Note telle que dans l'original:

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Approved over phone. K[ing].