

be glad to be advised as far in advance of the event as is feasible of the specific actions which the United States decides to take and of any public statements explaining the action to be taken which they may propose to issue.

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*Le ministre aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*  
*Minister in United States to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 305

Washington, July 24, 1941

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegrams Nos. 283 and No. 284. State Department has undertaken to give us advance notice of specific economic actions against Japan, and of public statements in relation thereto. British Embassy and State Department will keep us informed of developments.

Following points, which may not be known to you, appeared in the course of discussion with Mr. Noel Hall<sup>1</sup> today;

- (a) United States Government do not propose to take action until they are satisfied Japanese have committed overt act in Indo-China. Consent of Vichy Government to occupation may result in process of Japanese infiltration, making commission of overt act difficult to establish. This might involve some delay but not abandonment of policy;
- (b) Proposed policy may be applied in several steps instead of simultaneously. First step would be issue of freezing order which would be very inclusive in its terms;
- (c) Chinese funds will also be frozen and Chinese Government has been persuaded to request this to be done. This action is necessary to control payments in Japanese-occupied China.

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TELEGRAM 306

Washington, July 24, 1941

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. My telegram No. 305 of July 24th. State Department informed me this evening that order will be issued effective 9.00 a.m. Saturday morning, Eastern Standard Time, freezing of Japanese and Chinese funds.

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