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TO: HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL

*also United States
territories and
possessed states from*

The undersigned, the Prime Minister of Canada has the honour to represent:

~~That Japan has wantonly and treacherously attacked British territory and British forces, and has declared war against Great Britain; and~~

~~That the United Kingdom Government has commenced hostilities against Japan; and~~

That the Government of Canada, in accordance with the decision of the Parliament of Canada for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain to resist aggression, has associated itself with the United Kingdom Government in these hostilities; and

That it is expedient that a Proclamation should be issued declaring the existence of a state of war between Canada and Japan.

The undersigned, therefore, has the honour to recommend that the advice of the King's Privy Council for Canada should be submitted to the King, with a view to the authorization by His Majesty of the issuing of a Proclamation forthwith, to be published in the Canada Gazette, to the following effect:-

"Declaring that a state of war with Japan exists and has existed in Canada as and from the day of December, 1941."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Prime Minister.

Ottawa, December 1941.