

will learn of conversation between Henderson and Ribbentrop in which the German terms were disclosed. Since then telegram has been received from Warsaw to the effect that Beck has communicated to Berlin his willingness to go there to commence negotiations.

Two more long telegrams have been received from Warsaw which are not yet decyphered. A further meeting is to be held at 9:30 this evening, after which I shall send you another telegram. The terms as proposed by Germany are much more moderate than was feared. Ribbentrop's anger may be sign of weakness and may have been due to personal disappointment. Accumulated reports of dissatisfaction and depression among the German public and even difficulties in the army have no doubt some significance and may possibly have a bearing on German policy which shows definite signs of uncertainty. Hitler's demeanour too shows less persistence and firmness and self assurance than it did last September. Preparations military and civil continue here under full pressure. This in itself is undoubtedly not without its influence on Berlin.

In spite of what I have said it would be most unwise to be unduly confident as yet of a peaceful outcome, but there is still hope.

MASSEY

1028.

*Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in Britain to Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 326

London, August 31, 1939

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Situation does not show any improvement. I was wrongly informed as to Beck's reported willingness to proceed to Berlin to enter into negotiations, although Polish Government have confirmed their readiness for direct exchange of views with Germany. Polish attitude as revealed in recent telegrams indicates rigidity based on over-confidence.

MASSEY

1029.

*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM C. 24

London, August 31, 1939

In continuation of measures already adopted, it has been decided to call up whole of regular army reserve and supplementary reserve under provisions of Reserve and Auxiliary Force Act 1939. A further number of Royal Air Force volunteer reserve will also be called up.