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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis
Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Ambassador in United States*

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SECRET. Following for Ritchie from Angus, Begins: Your WA-2934 of June 5th,[†] General Eisenhower's telegram.²²⁸ The communication from the Combined Chiefs of Staff has been received. In paragraph 6 this communication suggests that the Canadian Government may consider it desirable to warn the Allied Governments concerned of the general situation. We should appreciate being informed whether the United States and United Kingdom authorities contemplate issuing such a warning.

If a warning is to be given it is our view that the best course would be for the United States, as the largest financial contributor to relief supplies, to write on behalf of the other two countries. We should be prepared to authorize the United States authorities to say that they were writing with our concurrence if the United Kingdom authorities were prepared to give their concurrence as well.

We consider that it would be very cumbersome for the three countries to send identical notes as they did when they informed the countries receiving military relief that they would be expected to pay for it.²²⁹ In the present case we do not think that there is anything to justify the use of this cumbersome procedure. If, however, the other two countries prefer to write identical notes, we should probably follow the same course.

The worst solution of all would be to communicate three different versions of the story to the Allied Governments concerned and if the United Kingdom and United States Governments are not prepared to agree either on a joint note or on identical notes we should probably pass the matter over in silence on the ground that an adequate warning had been given by the other two contributors. Ends.

²²⁸Voir le document précédent.

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²²⁹Voir le document 1102.

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