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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au chargé d'affaires au Japon

Secretary of State for External Affairs to Chargé d'Affaires in Japan

TELEGRAM 176

Ottawa, December 8, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. Make following communication immediately to Japanese Government. Begins.

I am instructed by my Government to inform you that news of the wanton and treacherous attack by Japanese Armed Forces on British territory and British Forces and also on United States territory and United States Forces reached Canada on December 7th, and that Japan's actions are a threat to the defence and freedom of Canada and the other Nations of the British Commonwealth. Consequently, I have the honour to inform the Imperial Japanese Government, in the name of His Majesty's Government in Canada, that a state of war exists between Canada and Japan as and from the seventh day of December, 1941.

Ends.

Japanese Minister and diplomatic and consular Officers and members of their families are being given special passports permitting them to leave Canada freely and you should demand passports for yourself, staff and families, and carry out all other arrangements already agreed upon respecting measures to be taken on outbreak of war between Canada and Japan. Argentina will be Protecting Power in Japan and Manchuria.

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Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au haut commissaire adjoint de Grande-Bretagne

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to Deputy High Commissioner of Great Britain

Ottawa, December 8, 1941

Dear Sir Patrick,

May I refer to your letter,¹ which I have received today, dealing with the most immediate telegram from your Government, asking the Canadian Government to take action as foreshadowed in Mr. Hankinson's letter of May 22,² and your letter of October 25,³ relating to economic action, in the event of war with Japan.

I have consulted Mr. Stone, who is in charge of the economic warfare section of this Department.

¹ Probablement le document 1406.

¹ Presumably Document 1406.

² Non reproduite.

² Not printed.

³ Document 1375.