

and to Governors of Burma, Hong Kong, and Fiji. His Majesty's representatives in the United States, Japan, and China mentioned above, would, of course, maintain closest touch with their Dominion colleagues.

5. We are making arrangements here to ensure that on receipt in London of such a telegram at any hour of the day or night, a meeting of Ministers may be speedily held to consider what, if any, counter measures should be taken.

6. It will be seen that recipients of these instructions have been asked to repeat direct to His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions any telegram which they may address to London in accordance with these special arrangements. We should be grateful if His Majesty's Governments in Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa could similarly make arrangements themselves to consider on receipt of such a telegram whether in the circumstances of the time and if necessary subject to confirmation of Japanese move, that move should be followed by counter measures. We should hope that Dominion Governments would inform us of their views immediately they were in a position to do so, whether or not they had by then learnt our views on the issue. We would suggest that views of each Dominion Government should be repeated by them direct to other Dominion Governments.

7. We should also be grateful if Dominion Governments would in addition consider issuing instructions to any authority whom they may have in the Far East, and to whom necessary means of most secret communication are available, to report similarly to them should he receive information of kind described in paragraph 3 of this telegram; and if each Dominion Government would telegraph London and to Commanders-in-Chief and other authorities mentioned in paragraph 4 of this telegram should information of this kind reach them from any source. It would be convenient if in such an event similar procedure to that prescribed in telegram to our Commanders-in-Chief could be adopted.

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

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MOST SECRET. My immediately preceding telegram. Following is text of instructions referred to in paragraph 4. [Begins.]

1. Reference COSFE 8 dated May 17th paragraph 6.<sup>1</sup> Necessity for collective action. We cannot lay down in advance what action by the Japanese

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