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

TELEGRAM 253

Ottawa, December 7, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. Reference your telegrams Circular M.438 and M.439. Proposal for making representations to the Japanese Government meets with the approval of the Canadian Government and instructions are being sent to the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires to deliver a simultaneous note associating Canada completely with the British representations. In view of this action the reference to Canada in the first paragraph of the draft note should be struck out.

2. Referring particularly to the last paragraph of the draft note, I would strongly urge that the second and third sentences should be amended to read as follows:

On the contrary they desire the preservation of full independence and sovereignty of Thailand. Any attempt by Japan to impair that independence or sovereignty would affect the security of Burma and Malaya which, in turn, would immediately affect the security of other parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

3. This telegram is being repeated to the Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa and Canadian Chargé d'Affaires, Tokyo, who will advise British Ambassador. It is also being sent to the Canadian Minister at Washington, who will advise Secretary of State and British Ambassador. Ends.

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*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au haut commissaire de Grande-Bretagne<sup>1</sup>*  
*Dominions Secretary to High Commissioner of Great Britain<sup>1</sup>*

TELEGRAM

[London,] December 7, 1941

My telegram to Canadian Government No. M.438.

We very much hope that Canadian Government will not think it necessary that Canadian Chargé d'Affaires at Tokyo should present a similar com-

<sup>1</sup>Le texte de ce télégramme fut communiqué au téléphone au ministère des Affaires extérieures à 15 h. 40 par M. C. A. E. Shuckburgh, secrétaire adjoint au haut commissariat de Grande-Bretagne.

<sup>1</sup>The text of this telegram was communicated by telephone to the Department of External Affairs at 3.40 p.m. by C. A. E. Shuckburgh, Assistant Secretary in the High Commission of Great Britain.