PRELUDE TO WAR 1307

## [PIÈCE JOINTE/ENCLOSURE]

Le président de la République de Pologne au Premier ministre President of the Republic of Poland to Prime Minister

[September n.d., 1939]

The Government of Poland appreciate the efforts of the Prime Minister of Canada for maintaining of the peace and is sure that the Canadian Government has no doubts as to the fact that it is not the Government of Poland who makes the aggressive demands and provokes the international crisis.

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Le consul général d'Allemagne au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures German Consul General to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

Ottawa, September 6, 1939

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to a report in the 5 o'clock edition of the "Ottawa Journal" of September 5th, according to which the Department of External Affairs had been apprised of a statement attributed to me in a Toronto paper.

I need hardly say that this report of the "Globe and Mail" is nothing but an impudent lie and that not one word attributed to me has been uttered by me except that I have indeed, as stated in the report, advised Mr. H. Dingman, author of this propaganda-lie, that, having flatly refused to answer any question or giving any statement, I should be obliged and entitled to "brand as an impudent lie" any word he might attribute to me.

I had to take this stand with Mr. Dingman for the very reason that I was fully aware of the reputation given to him by other newspapermen who had told me that he was known to have even mis-stated the Prime Minister. In view of this fact I intimated at once to Mr. Dingman that I could not answer any question unless he gave me a formal assurance that no report would be published except after having been expressly authorized by me. When Mr. Dingman refused to give this assurance I told him that I was fully aware of the real purpose of his visit and bade him to leave.

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