

3. If you receive a warning telegram specifying both Germany and Italy as potential enemies, your defensive precautions against attack by Italy should as far as possible be non-provocative. If subsequently you receive war telegram in which only Germany is specified as enemy, you should avoid initiating any action against Italy which is to bring her in against us. This, of course, does not relieve you of your responsibility for taking necessary precautions against possibility of sudden attack by Italy nor of making such defensive dispositions as you think advisable, nor does it debar you from immediate local retaliation if attacked by Italian forces.

4. Should development of situation demand any modification in these instructions, you will be notified immediately. Ends.

1026.

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

TELEGRAM 51

Ottawa, August 30, 1939

IMPORTANT. SECRET. Your despatch Circular B. No. 71 of 18th August, 1939, marked secret. We should be glad to be informed if and when the reciprocal arrangement referred to in despatch is put into effect.

Canadian Government would appreciate information as to the views of the United Kingdom Government on the following points:

1. Whether, in the event of the proposed reciprocal arrangement not being made effective, enemy consuls will be under police control or interned;
2. In the event of the above arrangement being made effective and the consuls being allowed to leave, will they be required to submit to baggage examination on departure;
3. Do the plans relating to the departure of enemy consuls apply to consular employees of enemy nationality;
4. What are the plans regarding archives of enemy consuls.

1027.

Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures
High Commissioner in Britain to Secretary of State
for External Affairs

TELEGRAM 325

London, August 31, 1939

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Have just returned from Dominions Office where I saw the telegram at present being cyphered from which you