

think should be Japan's attitude towards Soviet-German conflict. Prevailing atmosphere is similar to that which usually precedes the overthrow of the Cabinet. Until a reliable appraisal of Soviet war machine can be made, I am inclined to believe Japan will stay neutral.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au haut commissaire
en Grande-Bretagne*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commissioner
in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 1002

Ottawa, July 4, 1941

SECRET. Reference your telegram No. 1137 of June 19th, exports of wheat to Japan. The total quantity of wheat on firm order on February 13th when the export permit requirements were introduced was 70,000 long tons. The orders were placed with the Canada Grain Export Company by Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha.

When informing the exporter that export permits would be granted we specified that a separate application must be submitted covering each shipment. So far applications have been received and granted for approximately 14,000 tons.

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

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR M.136

London, July 5, 1941

IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. My telegram 25th June, Circular D.373.¹ Information from most secret but sure sources shows that the Japanese Government have now reached decision upon future policy. Their first move will be to secure bases in Indo-China, and this move may take place in the very near future. I shall hope to telegraph shortly our views as to action which we should take.

2. His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington states that when discussing reports, also received by the United States Government, that the Japanese

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