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meat rationing

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To: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR - WASHINGTON

From: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS - OTTAWA

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Following for CYPHER From Begins:

Please transmit following message to President Truman from Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Begins.

1. I have been advised in strict confidence by the Canadian representative on the Combined Food Board that the United States member has intimated to his colleagues on the Board the probability of the United States discontinuing meat rationing on or about December 1st.

2. I have recent and vivid impressions of the urgent need for supplies of meat in the United Kingdom and continental Europe and of the extent to which they are relying on the cooperation of North America. It is, however, because of the great importance of close cooperation between our two governments that I am sending this message.

3. In the course of several conversations both of us have agreed on the great value of the intimate wartime collaboration through the various Combined Boards, and we have also agreed on the desirability of continuing a maximum degree of similar collaboration during the difficult months that lie ahead.

4. The discontinuance of meat rationing in the U.S.A. will raise questions of policy in Canada which will require most careful examination. In the light of desperate European needs during the coming winter we feel that we should not discontinue meat rationing at the present juncture, and it is our present ~~firm~~ intention to continue meat rationing in full effect.

5. In view of the pressing needs of Europe and of the likelihood that the decisions of each country will react on the neighbouring

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