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From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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LONDON, December 23rd, 1939.

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CIRCULAR D. 127

Circular D. 127. Most Secret. My immediately preceding telegram. Following is text of instructions suggested by the French Government, Begins:

I should be glad if you would secretly inform the Government to which you are accredited that the Governments of France and Great Britain, having regard to the resolutions voted at Geneva by the Assembly and the Council of the League of Nations, are for their part disposed to afford unofficially to Finland for defence of her national independence all indirect assistance in their power.

The details of this assistance, which will in the normal way take the form of the despatch of technical missions, the supply of material and grant of loans, are at present under examination. It will be put into practice with all possible speed and the two Governments would propose to inform the Swedish and Norwegian Governments of their action in the hope of finding them similarly disposed and ready to afford all necessary facilities.

The French and British Governments are, in fact, convinced that the fate of Finland could in no circumstances leave unmoved the Swedish and Norwegian Governments in view of the threat to the whole of Northern Scandinavia which the subjugation of Finland would involve. The Swedish and Norwegian Governments, while reserving to themselves the right to take, when the time comes, such measures as their own interests demand, will doubtless be prepared to examine immediately in a spirit of mutual solidarity the situation prejudicial to the interests of the Scandinavian