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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.444

London, December 8, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. Japan. United States hostilities have now broken out. We do not, repeat not, intend ourselves to declare war on Japan immediately.

We understand that the United States Congress has been summoned to meet this morning, December 8th, when the President will recommend immediate Declaration of War by the United States.

We contemplate that our own Declaration should then follow at once, and the House of Commons is being summoned to meet at 3.00 p.m. In the meantime we are taking immediately all operational and security measures as if formal State of War already existed. Ends.

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

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

TELEGRAM 2308

London, December 8, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. Your telegram No. 1966 of December 7th. King's approval expected about 1.00 p.m. today, December 8th.

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

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

TELEGRAM 2309

London, December 8, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. His Majesty's oral approval to Proclamation of a State of War between Canada and Japan was given at 1.10 p.m. today, December 8th, at Windsor Castle.

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