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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, July 9th, 1940. *W*

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CIRCULAR D. 326

Circular D. 326. Secret. My telegram Circular D. 324,
July 9th. Following for your Prime Minister, Begins:

Reply has been sent to the French Charge d'Affaires to
the following effect.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom profoundly
regret the French Government's decision. They have already publicly
expressed their sorrow and distress at the necessity of ordering
forcible action against units of the French Fleet. Reasons for
this action are set out, and hope is expressed that the French
Government will appreciate dominant necessity of it and will not
widen the breach between the two countries by ending all diplomatic
contacts.

It is pointed out that the departure from France of
His Majesty's Ambassador implied no rupture of relations and that
His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have been careful
to avoid any formal termination of their representation in France.

Note concludes as follows:

"In the view of His Majesty's Government there are many
questions arising out of formal intimate association of the two
countries which remain to be settled between the two Governments.
The transport of French troops to France, the return of the
wounded and the disposal of various French official missions in
this country, are matters which require immediate examination, but
further problems will certainly arise. The discussion of these
questions must be rendered much more difficult by the absence of
any French diplomatic contact, and for these reasons His Majesty's