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

TELEGRAM 197

Ottawa, September 26, 1941

IMPORTANT. MOST SECRET. Your telegram Circular M.308 of September 19th.¹

Canadian Government see no objection to a communication being addressed to United States Government on lines indicated in your telegram.

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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.319

London, October 11, 1941

MOST SECRET. My telegram of September 6th, Circular M.295.²

We have been considering whether there are any means whereby in the event of a move by Japan which falls or seems likely to fall within paragraph 24 of report of conversations at Singapore between British and Dutch representatives in February 1941,² machinery for inter-governmental consultation can be expedited.

2. It is generally agreed that it is not feasible to lay down in advance what precise action by Japanese should be regarded as an act necessitating active military counter measures.

3. We feel however that it should be possible to make special provision in advance for reducing to a minimum time involved in such circumstances in necessary inter-governmental consultation. One of the most important points would seem to be to ensure that all authorities concerned are immediately advised as soon as information becomes available that action on the part of the Japanese such as may necessitate immediate military counter measures is either impending or has taken place.

4. United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff are therefore sending Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, Commander-in-Chief in China, Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies and Commander-in-Chief in India, instructions contained in my immediately following telegram. Similar instructions are being sent to His Majesty's Ambassadors at Washington, Tokyo, and Chungking, and His Majesty's Embassy at Shanghai; to His Majesty's Minister at Bangkok

¹ Résumé au document 1363.

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¹ Summarized in Document 1363.

² Not printed.