

would seem that we would have to advise the Japanese Minister that the Canadian Government is unable to give the assurances he is seeking, but since this point might bring to a head the whole question of relations with Japan you will no doubt wish to await receipt of comments from London and Washington before submitting a recommendation to the Government as to the nature of the reply which should be given to the Japanese Minister.

If it is desired to explore further the possibility of a limited exchange of Japanese goods for Canadian products we should be glad to examine the whole position further with a view to suggesting the kinds and quantities of goods which might be so exchanged.

Yours faithfully,

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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 135

London, August 9, 1941

SECRET. Your telegram of August 5th, No. 153.<sup>1</sup> Japan.

No such approach has been made to us. As to the policy which we recommend, please see my telegrams Circular M.223 and M.224.

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*Le premier ministre d'Australie au Premier ministre*  
*Prime Minister of Australia to Prime Minister*

TELEGRAM 8

Canberra, August 11, 1941

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Addressed to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs No. 523. Repeated to the Prime Minister of Canada No. 8, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa No. 64, Prime Minister of New Zealand No. 300, Washington No. 91. Following for the Prime Minister from my Prime Minister. Begins.

My colleagues and I have given anxious consideration to the Far Eastern position. We have, as you know, always regarded Singapore and Malaya as

<sup>1</sup> Voir la note au document 1332.

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