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

LONDON,

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territorial waters. Having regard to circumstances referred to in paragraph 1 above, we consider we should be justified in taking naval action in those waters to stop it.

4. We have considered possible German reactions to any such step but we feel that it is unlikely any drastic action such as the invasion of southern part of Norway would in fact result. If it did, the net result of Germans thus creating a war front in Scandinavia would probably be favourable to the Allies; and in any case we are devising plans to meet this contingency.

5. In these circumstances we have decided to make to the Norwegian Government, subject to consent of French Government, the communication outlined in my immediately following telegram. We are also informing President Roosevelt of action we propose to take.

6. Orders will not be issued to our naval forces to enter Norwegian territorial waters until reactions of Norwegian Government to our communication have been considered.

7. We shall of course keep you informed of all developments in this matter. You will appreciate need for extreme secrecy in regard to this subject. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS.

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