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My immediately preceding telegram. *Article 1.* The High Contracting Parties, without attempting to extend as between themselves limits of their respective territorial waters adjacent to high seas, agree that authorities of either Contracting Party may, within distance of twelve geographical miles from its coasts, board the private vessels of the other and make enquiry of masters as to whether such vessels or person or persons controlling them are engaged in any attempt, either with or without co-operation of other vessels or persons on board same, to violate laws of high contracting party making enquiry and prohibiting or regulating unloading near or importation into its territories of any articles.

An officer of one Contracting Party boarding a private vessel of the other may examine manifest of vessel and make enquiry of master with regard to cargo and destination. If such officer has reason to believe from statements of master or from documents exhibited by him or otherwise, that vessel or person or persons controlling it, either with or without co-operation of other vessels or persons on board same is or are engaged in wilful commission of acts, which constitute a violation of laws of state, of which such boarding officer is an official, with regard to unloading or importation of any article or articles, he shall impart his belief to master of vessel and thereupon may, with the aid of master, institute a search of vessel and an examination of any articles on board. Search shall be conducted with courtesy and consideration which ought to be observed between friendly nations. If there is reasonable cause for belief that vessel or person or persons controlling it is or are wilfully engaged, with or without co-operation of other vessels or persons on board same, in commission of acts which constitute a violation of laws of state, whose officer has conducted search, forbidding or regulating unloading near or importation into its territories of any article or articles, vessel, cargo and person or persons controlling it or them may be seized and brought in for an adjudication and subjected to imposition of penalties established by law by party whose laws and regulations are found to have been violated.

Article 2. Any article or articles importation of which into territories of either High Contracting Party is or are for any purposes prohibited by its laws, but which is or are listed as sea stores or as cargo destined for port foreign to either High Contracting Party, on board a private vessel of either High Contracting Party destined for a port of above High Contracting Party, may be brought within territorial waters of such other High Contracting Party on condition that upon arrival of vessel so destined within twelve geographical miles of such High Contracting Party, whose territorial waters are about to be entered, such article or articles may be placed under seal by appropriate officer of that party and shall be kept sealed continuously thereafter, until vessel