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

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM C. 30

London, September 1, 1939

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. My immediately preceding telegram Circular C. 28.

Italy.

Position has not yet been declared publicly. With reference to third paragraph of message contained in my telegram Circular C. 22 it is therefore being emphasized that it is most important that no action should be taken which can be considered provocative by Italy. Ends.

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CIRCULAR TELEGRAM C. 31

London, September 1, 1939

MOST IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. My telegram Circular C. 29 today.¹ Following for your Prime Minister, Begins: Following is provisional text of message which, if French Government agree to, we propose to instruct His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin to deliver to German Minister for Foreign Affairs today: Begins:

On instructions of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs I have the honour to make the following communication:

Early this morning the German Chancellor issued a proclamation to the German army which indicated clearly that he was about to attack Poland.

At (insert time) this morning the German Chancellor issued (here will be inserted the German proclamation announcing a state of war if we have confirmation thereof).

Information which has reached His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government indicates that German troops have crossed the Polish frontier and that attacks upon Polish towns are proceeding.

In these circumstances, it appears to the Governments of the United Kingdom and France that by their action the German Government have created conditions (viz. an aggressive act of force against Poland threatening the independence of Poland) which call for the implementation by Governments of United Kingdom and France of undertaking to Poland to come to her assistance.

I am accordingly to inform Your Excellency that unless the German Government are prepared to give His Majesty's Government satisfac-

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