

be willing to examine possibilities of limitation of imports as part of joint scheme of strengthening economic pressure. In this connection we should much appreciate information as to the effect which existing import and exchange control in Canada has had upon imports of Japanese goods into the Dominion, and how far such imports would continue to be required for essential purposes.

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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.156

London, July 15, 1941

IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. My telegram of July 12th, Circular M.151. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. Reliable information has now reached us indicating that Japanese have demanded, or are about to demand, bases in South Indo-China, giving time limit to French to comply. In these circumstances we feel it is of the highest importance that we should be in a position to take step recommended in paragraph 2 of my telegram under reference at any time. Should be very grateful therefore for most immediate reply. Ends.

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London, July 15, 1941

IMMEDIATE. MOST SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister. Begins. Japan. My telegram Circular M.156.

1. We have been considering question whether it is possible to counteract Japanese plans. As preliminary measure we have sent instructions to Singapore for enforcement at once of restrictions on Japanese shipping facilities in Malaya, see paragraph 1 of my telegram Circular M.155.¹

2. There remains publicity. Circumstances differ from those in February. Japanese plans, which were then baulked by timely publicity, were secret. In the present case Japanese must have already shown their hand to Vichy and

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