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(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS1. Declaration of War against Roumania, Hungary and Finland, December 7, 1941

On December 6, 1941, the Prime Minister announced that the Declaration of War by Canada against Roumania, Hungary and Finland had been approved as from December 7, 1941

2. Declaration of War against Japan, December 7, 1941

On December 7, 1941, the Prime Minister announced that the declaration of War by Canada against Japan had been approved as from December 7, 1941

3. Text of Note from Department of External Affairs to Japanese Legation, Ottawa, December 8, 1941

Ottawa, December 8, 1941

Sir,

The Canadian Charge d'Affaires has today been instructed to inform the Imperial Japanese Government that news of the wanton and treacherous attack by Japanese Armed Forces on British territory and British forces and also on United States territory and United States forces, reached Canada yesterday; that Japan's actions are a threat to the defence and freedom of Canada and the other nations of the British Commonwealth; and that, consequently, a state of war exists between Canada and Japan as and from the seventh day of December, 1941.

2. As a result of the existence of a state of war between our two countries arrangements will be made to issue special passports enabling you, your wife and family, and the members of your Mission and their wives and families to depart from Canada. Accordingly, I should be grateful if you could furnish me with a list of the names and addresses of the (a) secretaries, attaches, and other officials of your Mission, their wives and families, and (b) Japanese nationals in your household. It is also desired to secure a similar list for the personnel of your Consulate in Vancouver. Due to the existing lack of steamship communication or air transport between Canada and Japan, it may be necessary to make special arrangements for the exchange of diplomatic and consular representatives and personnel. If so, the matter can be taken up at a later date.

The Japanese Minister to Canada,
Japanese Legation,
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Decision of War against Germany, Hungary and Rumania, December 11, 1941

On December 7, 1941, the Prime Minister announced that the declaration of war against Rumania, Hungary and Finland had been approved as from December 7, 1941.

On December 7, 1941, the Prime Minister announced that the declaration of war against Japan had been approved as from December 7, 1941.

Text of Note from Department of External Affairs to Japanese Legation, Ottawa, December 8, 1941.

On December 8, 1941, the Prime Minister announced that the declaration of war against Germany, Hungary and Rumania had been approved as from December 7, 1941.

The Canadian Government has today been asked to inform the Imperial Government of the reasons for its decision to join the United States and British Commonwealth in attacking the Axis powers. The Prime Minister has announced that the declaration of war against Japan had been approved as from December 7, 1941.

Japanese Legation, Ottawa, December 8, 1941.

3. The Canadian Government desire to accord to you and to the members of your Mission, on the basis of reciprocity, every consideration and courtesy compatible with the safeguarding of our national interests.

4. Accordingly, sufficient time will be allowed before your departure for the settlement of the personal affairs of yourself and the members of your Mission - the storage of furniture, the settlement of outstanding obligations and similar matters; for the sealing of your Archives; and their transfer to the representative of the neutral Power who may be selected to look after Japanese interests in Canada. Diplomatic and consular archives will be placed under seal and will be inviolate. They will be held in Canadian territory for the duration of the war in the custody of the representative of the neutral Power in charge of Japanese interests. I assume that you will inform me, as soon as may be practicable, of the name of this representative.

5. The censorship authorities have been instructed not to permit communications by post or telegraph. Facilities for any necessary communications with your Government or with your consular representatives in Vancouver, in English or French, may be arranged with this Department.

6. The premises, property and quarters of Consular Officers, as well as of Diplomatic Officers, will not be searched. Members of Consular Office staffs will be treated in the same manner as Consular Officers themselves.

7. Special precautions will be taken for the protection of the Legation, your person and property, and the premises in which you live. Protection will also be afforded to the persons and property of the members of your Mission until their departure. Similarly, protection will be accorded the household goods left in storage during the severance of diplomatic and consular relations. It is assumed that pending departure from Canada, the members of the staff of the Legation and Consulate will remain in their respective residences and that you will communicate with this Department on any matter on which you may desire further information or advice.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

N.A. ROBERTSON

for the Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The General Secretary

to the Canadian Government of your country, and to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Ottawa, Canada.

With the safeguarding of our national interests, and the maintenance of our national independence, it is our policy to have a friendly and cordial relationship with the Government of your country.

Accordingly, we are pleased to inform you that the Government of your country is invited to send a representative to the Canadian Government to discuss the matters mentioned above.

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W. A. ROBERTSON
for the Secretary of State
for External Affairs

4. Meeting of Canadian Temporary Great Lakes St. Lawrence Basin Committee, December 10-11, 1941

The Canadian Temporary Great Lakes St. Lawrence Basin Committee met at Niagara December 10 and 11, to discuss plans for remedial works above the Falls. Joint meetings with the United States-St. Lawrence Advisory Committee were held in Washington on the 12th and 13th December, and a sub-committee was appointed to bring in recommendations for the design and construction of a submerged weir in the Grass Island Pool.

5. Arrangements for Protection of Canadian Interests abroad

Various changes have been made in arrangements for the protection of Canadian interests abroad. Switzerland is now acting as the Protecting Power in all enemy and enemy-occupied countries in which the United States formerly acted for Canada, while the United States continues to assume responsibility for the protection of Canadian interests in non-occupied France and other French territories under the control of the Vichy Government. Switzerland is also acting as Protecting Power in occupied China (excluding Manchuria) and in Thailand. Argentina is acting for Canada in the Japanese Empire and Manchuria.

6. Text of Telegram received by Canadian Government from United Kingdom Government, December 26, 1941

The following is the text of a telegram dated December 26 which was received by the Canadian Government from the United Kingdom Government:

Now that the heroic defence of Hong Kong has come to an end, His Majesty's Government in Great Britain desires to express to His Majesty's Government in Canada their great admiration of the gallant part played by Canada in its defence and their deep sympathy for Canada on the loss of valuable lives.

The loss of these lives, the suffering of the wounded and the removal from conflict of the others by capture have not been in vain. Every day that defence has been maintained has been of the utmost value in preventing the enemy from diverting men, ships and equipment to other areas. It will have secured some respite to our Allies. It has moreover demonstrated to the Axis Powers the unyielding determination of the Empire to frustrate their treacherous aggression. The conduct displayed by the defenders stands as a shining example and inspiration to all of us engaged in this deadly struggle.

His Majesty's Government in Great Britain mourn the loss in action of all those men of the Royal Rifles of Canada and of the Winnipeg Grenadiers who so gallantly laid down

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their lives and deeply regret the death of Brigadier Lawson. The defence of Hong Kong will live in history as yet one more chapter of courage and endurance in the annals of the British Commonwealth.

7. Meeting of Joint Economic Committees, New York, December 5, 1941, and of Permanent Joint Board on Defence, New York, December 20, 1941

A meeting of the Joint Economic Committees was held in New York on December 5, 1941. A meeting of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence was held in New York on December 20, 1941.

8. Visit of Prime Minister of Canada to Washington, December 25-29, 1941

The Prime Minister left Ottawa for Washington on December 25th to participate in White House Conferences dealing with the conduct of the war. Mr. King was accompanied by the three Ministers of National Defence, the Minister of Munitions and Supply, the Deputy Minister of Finance, and the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs.

(B) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. Mr. Chao Ying Shih, Consul General for China in Canada has been transferred to serve in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chungking.

Department of External Affairs.

The reciprocal exchange of Canadian and Japanese diplomats and consular officials is, at present, under consideration.

The following Canadian diplomatic and consular officers and their staffs and families are in the Orient:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
<u>In Tokyo</u>	
McCrear, Mr. D'Arcy	Charge d'Affaires and Consul
Fuever, Mr. E.P.	Second Secretary
Lawson, Mr. E.H.	Third Secretary - Junior Language Officer
Roberts, Mr. H.I.	Acting Commercial Secretary
Alara, Mr. Seizaburo	Junior Translator
Jones, Mrs. J.	Clerk
Wright, Miss Johina	Clerk
Wife, Mrs. M.A.	Clerk
Wife, Miss Mary	Daughter of Clerk
<u>In Shanghai</u>	
Malles, Mr. Victor B.	Trade Commissioner
Malles, Mrs. and 3 Daughters	Wife and children of Trade Commissioner
Wife, Mrs. L.	Clerk
Wife, Miss Fay L.	Stenographer
Wife, Mr. Herbert	Stenographer
Wife, Mrs.	Wife of Stenographer
<u>In Hong Kong</u>	
Malles, Mr. Paul V.	Trade Commissioner
Malles, Mrs. and 3 Daughters	Immigration Officer and Controller of Chinese Emigration
Wife, Miss Mary	Stenographer
Wife, Mrs. Yui, Mr.	Interpreter
Wife, Mr. Ellis	Clerk
Wife, Mr. B.	Clerk

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN CANADA

Mr. Gao Ying Shih, Consul General for China in Canada has been transferred to serve in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chungking.

(c) CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. Mr. George Glazebrook, Professor of History at the University of Toronto, has been granted leave of absence to accept a temporary appointment in the Department of External Affairs.

2. The reciprocal exchange of Canadian and Japanese diplomatic and consular officials is, at present, under consideration.

The following Canadian diplomatic and consular officers and their staffs and families are in the Orient:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
<u>In Tokyo</u>	
McGreer, Mr. D'Arcy	Charge d'Affaires and Consul
Feaver, Mr. H.F.	Second Secretary
Norman, Mr. E.H.	Third Secretary - Junior Language Officer
Stewart, Mr. M.T.	Acting Commercial Secretary
Kimura, Mr. Seizaburo	Junior Translator
Jones, Mrs. D.	Clerk
Martin, Miss Robina	Clerk
Vile, Mrs. M.A.	Clerk
Vile, Miss Mary	Daughter of Clerk
<u>In Shanghai</u>	
Duclos, Mr. Victor E.	Trade Commissioner
Duclos, Mrs. and 2 daughters	Wife and children of Trade Commissioner
Bird, Mrs. K.	Clerk
Calder, Miss Fay H.	Stenographer
Ling, Mr. Herbert	Stenographer
Ling, Mrs.	Wife of Stenographer
<u>In Hong Kong</u>	
McLane, Mr. Paul V.	Trade Commissioner
Doughty, Col. E.S.	Immigration Officer and Controller of Chinese Immigration
Judah, Miss Reva	Stenographer
Fung, Man Yet, Mr.	Interpreter
Arnold, Mr. Elvie	Clerk
Poy, Mr. Wm. G.	Clerk

3. The following list sets forth the present organization of the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa:

Secretary of State for External Affairs

Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C., M.P.

Under Secretary of State for External Affairs

Mr. N.A. Robertson

Diplomatic and Commercial Division

Mr. Laurent Beaudry
 Mr. J.S. Macdonald
 Mr. W.H. Measures
 Mr. M. Cadieux
 Mr. G.W. Hilborn

Legal Division

Mr. J.E. Read
 Mr. P.E. Renaud
 Mr. M.H. Wershof
 Mr. R.A.G. Robertson

Commonwealth and European Division

Mr. L.B. Pearson
 Mr. A. Rive
 Mr. T.A. Stone
 Mr. G. de T. Glazebrook
 Mr. P. Tremblay
 Mr. R.E. Collins

American and Far Eastern Division

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 Mr. H.F. Angus
 Mr. E.M. Reid
 Mr. P.A. Beaulieu

Assistant to Under Secretary of State for External Affairs

Mr. S.F. Rae

Seconded to Prime Minister's Office

Mr. J.W. Pickersgill
 Mr. J.A. Gibson
 Mr. J. Leger

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- Mr. Laurent Beaudry
- Mr. L.S. Macdonald
- Mr. V.E. Meserve
- Mr. M. Gauthier
- Mr. G.W. Hinton

Local Division

- Mr. J.E. Read
- Mr. P.E. Renaud
- Mr. R.H. Verne
- Mr. R.G. Robertson

Commonwealth and European Division

- Mr. I.B. Pearson
- Mr. A. Rive
- Mr. T.A. Stone
- Mr. G. F. Glassbrook
- Mr. P. Tremblay
- Mr. R.E. Collins

American and Far Eastern Division

- Mr. H.L. Kenney
- Mr. R.P. Angus
- Mr. E.M. Reid
- Mr. P.A. Bessie

Assistant to Under Secretary of State for External Affairs

Mr. S.P. Rae

Seconded to Prime Minister's Office

- Mr. J.A. Pickersall
- Mr. J.A. Gibson
- Mr. J. Logan