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FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
 TO: American Embassy, London
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FEA, Treasury and the Department have held a conference with respect to transmittal to the European neutrals of the Bretton Woods Resolution VI and especially with reference to your telegrams of September 13 and September 16, 1944, Nos. 7522 and 7652, and Department's telegram of September 18, 1944, No. 7587. We have requested our missions in the neutral capitals to withhold transmittal of the proposed note pending discussions with the British as has already been indicated to you.

One. In view of the desirability of obtaining coordinated action as soon as possible, FEA, Treasury and Department are prepared to agree to the suggested British changes in the note transmitted in our telegram of September 5, 1944, No. 7189. We understand that the following is the way the text of the note, as thus agreed upon, will read:

The following resolution has been adopted by the delegates of forty-four nations assembled at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, for the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference. (Text of the Resolution as set forth in the circular airgram referred to is to be here quoted.)

Instructions have been given to me to advise you that the said Bretton Woods Resolution is fully supported by my Government which considers the Bretton Woods Resolution to be directed at the same purposes as the Declaration of London of January 5, 1943, with respect to looted property, and the declaration of February 22, 1944, regarding gold. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of that Resolution, I am instructed to state that your Government is called upon by my Government to institute such measures as will fulfill the United Nations' aims as expressed in the Resolution. Moreover, I am instructed to say that cooperation in this matter is considered by my Government as of primary importance to the welfare of those nations which are occupied and to the protection of the property and lives of the nationals of those countries and to the post-war world's security and peace.

Two. Presentation to Turkey of a similar note was already called for in previous plans. There is willingness on our part to agree to the British suggestion that in the proposed Turkish note milder language be used and the suggested phraseology is acceptable to us. At the earliest possible moment the proposed text of the note as so corrected will be sent to our mission in Ankara.

Three. It is not felt by the Department to be desirable to have the British at this time present to Argentina Resolution VI. We would suggest to the British that a different approach to Argentina be made since neither the United States nor

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the British maintain normal diplomatic relations with Argentina. Discussions are being held in the Department on the approach to be made on this and related problems such as the question of refuge for Axis war criminals. Moreover, it is not believed to be desirable to encourage any action which possibly might be interpreted to indicate divergence between British and United States relations with Argentina or attitude toward that country.

Four. We desire to reiterate the point made in the Department's cable No. 7587 referred to above that this matter is considered as highly urgent by us. In view of our complete acceptance of the proposed British changes, we hope that no difficulty will be experienced in clearing this matter within the next few days at a ministerial level in London. We hope to have the presentation of the notes occur on the second of October.

Five. It is requested that you indicate whether the British want a joint UK-US statement or identical notes delivered by our respective missions more or less simultaneously.

Six. We desire your reaction regarding the proposed issuance of press release to describe briefly the action thus taken and to be issued shortly after the notes have been presented.

Seven. The foregoing message may also be taken as a reply to your cable of September 19, 1944, No. 7742.

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Distributed to: Mr. Bell (Mr. Dietrich); Mr. White (Mr. Glasser-Orig.); Mr. Luxford; Mr. Schmidt; Mr. Casaday; Mr. Cutrow; Mr. Fisher; Mr. Nathan; Mrs. Gold; Mr. Tomlinson; Mr. Bernstein; Mr. Glasser; Mr. Wess.

From Mrs. Fontaine - Room 3457