

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: CERTAIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
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Bretton Woods Resolution VI regarding flight to neutral countries of Axis capital.

Delegates at the Financial and Monetary Conference held at Bretton Woods in July, 1944, adopted Resolution VI which recommended that the neutral countries be called upon by the United Nations to take measures designed to carry out the Resolution's objectives, among which are the disclosures of Axis assets, especially looted property and flight capital. We refer to the circular airgram from the Department dated August 22 which contains the text of Bretton Woods Resolution VI.

Decision has now been made that this Government will endorse the Resolution and will call upon the Governments of the neutral countries of Europe in the manner which the Resolution recommended. The American missions in Ankara, Bern, Dublin, Lisbon, Madrid, Stockholm, and Tangier are receiving instructions to present on the second of October or as soon

cc: 10/11/44. For Information - Messrs. Shmidt, Sachs, Bennett, Robinson, Fisher, Ball, Gilbert, O'Flaherty, Alk, Shaw, Minnich, Feig, Henderson, Miss Scullen, Lunn, J.C. Jones, Mrs. Lewis, Blake, Brenner, Day, Mrs. R. Shwartz, Moshovitz, NY Fed.

General Records: "Flight of Axis capital"

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as possible thereafter a note, the text of which is given in the following circular cable of September 29, 1944.

Instructions to present at the same time a note couched in similar terms, with the omission of the last sentence of the above-quoted note, are being sent to the British missions. Also discussions with the Government of USSR are being held in Moscow with reference to the possible presentation by that government of a similar note to those governments of neutral countries to which the Government of USSR has representatives.

It is requested that you immediately bring to the attention of the government to which you are accredited the fact that the United States is taking action to endorse Resolution VI of the Bretton Woods conference, to point out that that Government may desire to take parallel action, and to indicate the importance which this Government attaches to this matter.

We have informed the American Embassy in London of this procedure, and it seems reasonable that the British will desire to take action similar to this. However, you should proceed independently after informing your British colleague of the action described herein. We feel it is important that information of our proposed action be given to the other United and Associated Nations before such action is taken. Of course we would welcome similar steps on their part.

The foregoing message was repeated to the following places; AMLEGATION, Addis Ababa; AMEMBASSY, Asuncion; AMLEGATION, Baghdad; AMEMBASSY, Bogota; AMLEGATION, Cairo;

AMLEGATION, Canberra; AMEMBASSY, Caracas; AMEMBASSY, Chungking;
AMEMBASSY, Ciudad Trujillo; AMEMBASSY, Guatemala; AMEMBASSY,
Habana; AMEMBASSY, La Paz; AMEMBASSY, Lima; AMEMBASSY, London,
for Schuenfeld: Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, the
Netherlands, Norway, Poland; AMEMBASSY, Managua; AMEMBASSY,
Mexico, D.F.; AMLEGATION, Monrovia; AMEMBASSY, Montevideo;
AMERICAN MISSION, New Delhi; AMEMBASSY, Ottawa, also for
Denmark; AMEMBASSY, Panama; AMEMBASSY, Paris; AMEMBASSY, Port-
au - Prince; AMLEGATION, Pretoria; AMEMBASSY, QUITO; AMLEGATION,
Reykjavik; AMEMBASSY, Rio de Janeiro; AMEMBASSY, San Jose;
AMEMBASSY, S an Salvador; AMEMBASSY, Santiago; AMEMBASSY,
Tegucigalpa; AMLEGATION, Tehran; AMLEGATION, Wellington.

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