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STETTINIUS
(acting)
(22/26/44)
2 T 1944

TO: Mr. Stettinius
FROM: Mr. Pehle
Attention: Mr. Warren

It will be appreciated if the attached cable to London can be dispatched immediately.

(Signed) J.W. Pehle

Attachment.

(Sent by Special Messenger)

CC - Messrs. Pehle, Luxford, DuBois, E.M. Bernstein, Lesser, Friedman, Pollak, Miss Hodel

Philadelphia 2/23/44
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Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Secretary of State
Washington

February 17, 1944

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London

Dated February 17, 1944

Rec'd 8:40 p.m.

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