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His Majesty's Government regard the present highly inflammable situation in Austria with considerable apprehension, and if a solution of the internal constitutional problem is to be reached peacefully they consider it most important that material re-inforcements. in the shape of munitions of war of every kind, should reach neither of the rival factions.

Notwithstanding the Austrian legislation making its import illegal, it is possible that one or both parties may attempt to procure war material from abroad.

An accession of strength to either side might well lead to the discarding of methods of moderation, for those of force, and thus precipitate a crisis which might have the gravest possible consequences.

His Majesty's Government are confident that the Federal Government appreciate the gravity of the issues at stake, and they earnestly hope that the Federal Government share their view as to the importance of preventing the import into Austria of warlike material during the present period of tension.

British Legation, BERNE.

14th November, 1929.

