

the general European war and making a substantial contribution to the German war effort. In these circumstances His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom find it necessary to inform the Roumanian Government that unless by the 5th December the Roumanian Government have ceased military operations and have in practice withdrawn from all active participation in hostilities, His Majesty's Government will have no choice but to declare the existence of a state of war between the two countries."

Since by midnight on the 5th/6th December no reply to this communication had been received from the Roumanian Government, and since the information at the disposal of His Majesty's Government afforded no indication that the Roumanian Government intended to comply with the above conditions, His Majesty's Government took steps at midnight on the 5th/6th December to inform the Roumanian Government that a state of war would exist between the two countries as from 12.01 a.m. (Greenwich Mean Time) on the 7th December.

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