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PREFACE

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An effort has been made to include in the volume basic materials on problems of international law of current interest. As some of these materials are not generally accessible, it is hoped that the collection will be found to serve a useful purpose both by naval officers and by a wider circle of people working in the field.

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