

Note re:

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Arrangements in Canada on the Occasion of
the Birth of a Child to the Princess Elizabeth

1. Information as to the Event -

Mr. Delaute of Government House has sent a cable to Buckingham Palace asking that word be sent to Government House as soon as the birth takes place. The person on duty there will inform our switchboard at once.

2. Telegram from the Governor General -

Mr. Delaute states that the plan is that the Governor General will send a message to Princess Elizabeth conveying congratulations "on behalf of the people of Canada" (as in the case of messages of greeting on the birthday of the King, etc.). The text of the draft telegram which has been prepared is as follows:

"On this happy occasion, as we learn of the birth of a to Your Royal Highness, I send, on behalf of the people of Canada, our most heartfelt congratulations, together with our loyal and devoted good wishes.

Alexander of Tunis".

3. Message from the Prime Minister -

(a) Presumably a similar telegram should go from the Prime Minister to the Princess and the Duke of Edinburgh conveying congratulations personally and "on behalf of my colleagues in the Government of Canada". Possible drafts are attached -- Draft A addressed to the Princess alone, and Draft B to her and the Duke of Edinburgh jointly.

(b) It might also be a courtesy to have a telegram go on the same basis conveying congratulations to the King and the Queen. A possible draft is attached (C).