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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au secrétaire du Gouverneur général*
*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary to Governor General*

SECRET

Ottawa, January 15, 1945

Dear Sir Shuldham [Redfern],

In 1940, and again in 1942, the Cuban Government indicated its desire to establish direct diplomatic relations with Canada. The Canadian Government expressed at that time its regret that circumstances prevented this development. The Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons on July 12th, 1943, that he hoped to be able to announce shortly the agrément for the establishment of a Legation in Cuba.

The Canadian Government now desire to take steps for the establishment of a Canadian Legation in Cuba and for the appointment of Mr. Émile Vaillancourt as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Canada in Cuba.

I am directed by the Prime Minister to ask that His Excellency the Governor General communicate a request to the King for His Majesty's informal approval of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. ROBERTSON

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*Le secrétaire adjoint du Gouverneur général au
sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*
*Assistant Secretary to Governor General to
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

SECRET

Ottawa, January 30, 1945

Dear Mr. Robertson,

Referring to your letter to Sir Shuldham Redfern of the 15th instant regarding the establishment of a Canadian Legation in Cuba, and the appointment of Mr. Émile Vaillancourt as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Canada in Cuba, I am desired to inform you that we have received a cablegram[†] from the Private Secretary to The King stating that His Majesty has given his informal approval.

Yours sincerely,

F. L. C. PEREIRA