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TO: THE CANADIAN MINISTER TO THE U.S.S.R.

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IMMEDIATE

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Announcement will be made probably tomorrow that President and Prime Minister have agreed to immediate exchange of Embassies in place of Legations between Canada and the United States. Soviet Charge d'Affaires has been so informed and we have asked him to indicate to his Government that we do not intend that the Canadian Mission in Washington should be the only one to become an Embassy and that we would be glad to reach agreement with Soviet Government to the same effect.

2. You are authorized if you consider it desirable to approach the Soviet authorities in the same sense. An early agreement for exchange of Embassies might do something to clear up Soviet misconceptions about Canadian international status. If Soviet Government agrees our intention would, of course, be that you should become Canadian Ambassador.

3. We have made similar approach through Chinese and Brazilian Ministers here and are informing Ministers of Allied European Governments of the position without taking the initiative in their case of proposing exchange of Embassies.

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