

Canadian representative to the United Nations, if such a post were necessary, and secondly he would like to succeed Odlum in China).

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures à l'ambassadeur en France*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Ambassador in France*

TELEGRAM 434

Ottawa, September 4, 1946

IMMEDIATE. Following for the Ambassador from the Prime Minister, Begins: I have today submitted my resignation as the Secretary of State for External Affairs to His Excellency the Governor General and have recommended the appointment of the Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent as my successor in that office. His Excellency has been pleased to approve of both recommendations and Mr. St. Laurent has taken office this afternoon. On this leave-taking from the Department of External Affairs, over which I have had the privilege of presiding for nearly twenty years, I wish to thank you and the members of your staff for the loyal and efficient cooperation which has enabled us to work together in building up the Canadian diplomatic service and enhancing thereby the position of Canada in the world. Ends.

Please convey copy of this message to Hon. Brooke Claxton and members of the Canadian delegation at the Peace Conference.

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*Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État associé aux Affaires extérieures  
au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

PERSONAL AND SECRET

[Ottawa,] October 2, 1946

#### DIVISIONAL ORGANIZATION

For two reasons it is necessary to make some change in the organization of divisions. One reason is the reporting for duty here of additional officers of Counsellor rank—Kirkwood, Chance, possibly Macgillivray, and Magann—for temporary duty. All of these would normally become Chiefs of Division once they have learned more about the departmental machinery. The other and continuing reason is the change in the character of the work.

The Legal Division can be left as it is and so can the Economic Division, although I would hope that a Deputy or Assistant Under-Secretary could be found before long to take special responsibility in the economic field. The two Political Divisions which are geographical in character could be expanded to