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From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

MOST IMMEDIATE

LONDON, July 13, 1940

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No. 1121

*note also
re Iceland*

No. 1121. Secret. Your telegram No. 926 of July
11th, Iceland.

Informal conversations with War Office indicate their
acceptance of your proposal that Second Canadian Division
be concentrated in the United Kingdom as soon as reasonably
practicable and that Canada should not be further pressed to
undertake the garrisoning of Iceland. This may be taken as
firm. In these circumstances and also to observe due
economy in respect of shipping, War Office propose the following
program:

(1) That units enumerated in part 2 of your
telegram No. 834, June 27th, should not, repeat not, now
be despatched to Iceland and shipping thus set free be utilized
to transport troops to the United Kingdom;

(2) Second Canadian Division, less two infantry
brigades, to proceed to the United Kingdom as soon as this
move can be arranged;

(3) One British Infantry Brigade, with certain
details from the United Kingdom, to proceed to Iceland at a
date to be decided later returning transport to bring two
Canadian Rifle Battalions to the United Kingdom. As respects
this date, from United Kingdom operational point of view,
it is most undesirable to interfere with Home Defence
dispositions until latter part of August at the earliest
by which time, either the invasion of this country will