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Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR D. 325

London, July 8, 1942

MOST SECRET. My immediately preceding telegram. Following is text of communication, Begins: In a letter to Czechoslovakian Minister for Foreign Affairs dated July 18th, 1941, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs stated the King had decided to accredit an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Dr. Benes as President of Czechoslovakian Republic. Mr. Eden went on to explain that this decision implied his Government in the United Kingdom now regarded juridical position of President and Government of Czechoslovak Republic as identical with that of other Allied Heads of States and Governments established in this country.

The Prime Minister had already stated in a message broadcast to the Czechoslovak people on September 30th, 1940, the attitude of his Government in regard to arrangements reached at Munich in 1938. Mr. Churchill then said Munich agreement had been destroyed by the Germans. This statement was formally communicated to Dr. Benes on November 11th, 1940.

The foregoing statement and formal act of recognition have guided the policy of His Majesty's Government in regard to Czechoslovakia but, in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding, his Government now desires to declare that as Germany had deliberately destroyed arrangements concerning Czechoslovakia reached in 1938, in which His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom participated, his Government regard themselves as free from any engagements in this respect. At final settlement of Czechoslovak frontiers to be reached at the end of the war, they will not be influenced by any changes effected in and since 1938.

2. His Government also desire to assure Czechoslovak Government that upon receipt of a notification from that Government that adequate Sudeten representation has been arranged in State Council and that Sudeten representatives have taken their seats in Council, his Government will be prepared to withdraw reservations regarding relationship between Czechoslovak Government and certain categories of former Czechoslovak nationals now in British territory contained in Mr. Eden's second letter to M. Masaryk of July 18th, 1941. Ends.

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Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures
au conseiller juridique

Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Legal Adviser

[Ottawa,] July 10, 1942

With regard to Dominions Office Circulars D. 324 and 325 of July 8th, so far as I can judge from this file Canada has lagged behind other Allied Govern-