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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au représentant
auprès du Comité français de libération nationale*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Representative
to the French Committee of National Liberation*

TELEGRAM 8

Ottawa, January 13, 1944

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegram French No. 5 of January 12, letter to Massigli.

In view of the nature of Mr. Eden's letter and your comments as to the desirability of having a Head of State character, a telegram[†] is being sent to London asking the King's approval for your appointment. I will wire you immediately upon receipt of it and the text of your letter for presentation to Massigli might be amended in advance to read as follows:

"I am glad to inform you that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Major-General G. P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., now in Algiers, as Representative of Canada...."

Please hold up presentation of your letter to Massigli until I inform you that this amendment is approved.

The original letter was forwarded to you under cover of despatch No. 8 of January 10.[†] Your new letter will be sent as soon as possible. Please return the original text when it is received.

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TELEGRAM 10

Ottawa, January 17, 1944

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegram French No. 8 of January 16[†] presentation of credentials. My telegram No. 8 of January 13 was sent in reply to your French No. 5 and stated that the King's approval was being sought for your appointment with the intention of modifying the Prime Minister's letter to Massigli. This approval has now been secured. As stated in my telegram No. 8 the text of this letter is as before except for the opening words as follows:

"I am glad to inform you that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Major-General G. P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., now in Algiers as Representative of Canada...."

It is desired to make a release to the press at the time you present the text of your letter to Massigli. This release will reproduce the actual text signed by the Prime Minister. To facilitate press arrangements please inform me in advance of the day on which presentation will take place. If the French authorities wish,