

be to inform Soviet Government through Norwegian Government¹ that we would be prepared to consider the resumption of normal relations, and to suggest that Soviet Government should send a representative to London to discuss the preliminaries necessary. We are anxious that it should be possible for our line of policy in this matter to be announced at the opening of Parliament and we should accordingly like to take action in the latter part of this week in the sense indicated in preceding sentence.

Naturally we shall keep Dominion Governments fully informed of the course of the discussion with the Soviet representative if it takes place and of conditions which discussion indicates as suitable for any resumption of diplomatic relations, moreover it would be our intention that the actual resumption should not take place without previous consultation with the Dominions. Message ends.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au secrétaire aux Dominions*

Secretary of State for External Affairs to Dominions Secretary

TELEGRAM 128

Ottawa, July 19, 1929

SECRET. Following from Prime Minister for your Prime Minister. Begins. I beg to acknowledge the information contained in your secret telegram Circular B. 82 of the 24th June to the effect that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have been considering the resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia, and were proposing to inform the Soviet Government through Norwegian Government that they would be prepared to consider resumption of normal relations and to arrange a discussion in London for this purpose.

I understand this statement has been sent for our information. We note that it is your intention that the actual resumption should not take place without previous consultation with the Dominions. We assume this refers to consultation on details in view of the fact that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have apparently reached a decision on the principle. We think it desirable therefore to state at the present time that we consider the question of diplomatic relations between United Kingdom and U.S.S.R. one primarily of concern to His Majesty's Government in the United King-

¹ Dans un télégramme du secrétaire d'État aux Dominions au Gouverneur général, en date du 15 juin 1927, il est dit:

¹ A telegram from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs to the Governor General for the Prime Minister dated June 15, 1927, stated:

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Norwegian Minister at Moscow will take charge of British interests.