

Mr. Massey has now been instructed by the Canadian Government to state that they have no objection to the assumption by the Swiss Government of the unofficial protection of certain French interests in Canada. The Swiss Government will appreciate that the Canadian Government regard this arrangement as one of a purely practical character whereby the French Diplomatic and Consular archives may be transferred to the Swiss Consul General at Ottawa. It is further understood that the Swiss Consul General will take charge of the interests of any French Nationals who may claim allegiance to the former Vichy Government.

Similarly the Canadian Government expect that corresponding facilities will be accorded for the protection of the property of the Government of Canada now in France and of the interests of Canadian Nationals there.

It has been explained to Mr. Ristelhueber, the former French Minister in Canada, that the Consul General of Switzerland will, in his representative capacity be looking after the interests of the Government which Mr. Ristelhueber formerly represented in Canada.

SECTION F

FRANCE LIBRE/FREE FRENCH

36.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne
Secretary of State for External Affairs
to High Commissioner in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 2147

Ottawa, November 19, 1942

SECRET. It is proposed to name Brigadier George P. Vanier, Minister Designate to the Allied Governments in the United Kingdom, to act in consultation with the French National Committee on all matters relating to the conduct of the war. His position would be similar to that of the two United States representatives to the National Committee in London.

Please ascertain whether General de Gaulle would welcome the creation of this post and whether he would be agreeable to the appointment of Brigadier Vanier.

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*Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au
secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
High Commissioner in Great Britain to
Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM

London, November 29, 1942

General de Gaulle welcomes Brigadier Vanier's appointment. He wishes to make a press statement.