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From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

IMMEDIATE

LONDON. May 10th, 1940.

MOST SECRET

CYPHER

No. 48

No. 48. Most Secret. My telegram Circular D. 167
of today. Following for your Prime Minister, Begins:

With reference to Canadian High Commissioner's personal
message to you of May 6th, the United Kingdom Government would
be grateful if they could be informed whether the Canadian
Government could move a battalion to Jamaica to replace our
battalion which is being despatched thence to Curacao. If
so we should be glad to know what is earliest date by which
Canadian battalion could arrive in Jamaica.

Position here is that a battalion could leave this
country for Jamaica on May 17th arriving there about May 24th.
This move need not take place if the Canadian battalion could
reach Jamaica not later than May 24th.

If the Canadian battalion could be sent only after some
delay, we should^{still} be very glad of this. In that event our
battalion could be despatched on May 12th to remain at Jamaica
pending arrival of Canadian battalion.

In the circumstances we should be grateful for a reply
as soon as possible. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

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