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*Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in Britain to Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 26

London, January 22, 1936

Your telegram No. 14 of the 21st January¹ and my telegram No. 25 of the 21st January probably crossed one another. Following additional information has been obtained from Foreign Office, Begins:

No instructions have been forwarded to Ambassadors and Ministers abroad other than information regarding Court Mourning. Of course, credentials of Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers in London and British Ambassadors and Ministers abroad will have to be changed, and in due course new credentials will be forwarded to British Ambassadors and Ministers abroad. Ends.

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12.

*Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

Washington, January 22, 1936

My dear Dr. Skelton,

I understand that the official period of full Court mourning will last for six months and will be followed by three months' half-mourning. In view of the length of this period, I should be glad if instructions could be issued concerning the observation of full mourning and half-mourning by the diplomatic members of the staff and their wives. Apparently no such instructions have been issued since the Legation was established, and our normal practice in periods of mourning has been to conform with that adopted by the British Embassy.

After the death of Princess Victoria last December, I understand that new regulations were received at the British Embassy covering in considerable detail the social functions which might be attended during full and half-mourning, and other questions. The regulations, for example, provided that diplomatic officers should accept invitations to official functions given by important public officials, even during full mourning. Whether these regulations originated in the Foreign Office or with His Majesty, I do not know. In the present circumstances, it seems clearly desirable, in any event, that we should receive instructions from Ottawa on this matter.

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