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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS  
TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

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SECRET.

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My telegram of August 20th. Replies have now been sent by British, French and Italian Governments to suggestion made by Spanish Government that a Conference should be held in Geneva before the next meeting of Council to discuss status of Tangier.

Signor Mussolini without consulting British or French Governments replied that he thought Conference should be held in <sup>Lausanne</sup> interior and not Geneva and that subject should be dissociated from League. He was not opposed to an alteration in status of Tangier but thought mandate should emanate from Mediterranean Powers and not from League.

The French Government, after consultation with His Majesty's Government, have replied refusing the Spanish suggestion of a Conference and declining to agree in principle either to a mandate or to incorporation in the Spanish Zone, but reiterating previous proposal for preliminary conversation between France, Spain and Great Britain to discuss conditions on which adherence of Powers, which have not yet accepted the statute, could be obtained. This would give Spain opportunity of putting forward her views.

His Majesty's Government, after reminding the Spanish Government that French consent was an essential preliminary to the British consent to the Spanish demand,

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