

Canadian Minister at Chungking. This message was received this morning from Chungking simultaneously with the arrival of your telegram under reference. At my instance two reminders have already been sent to the British Embassy at Chungking emphasizing the desirability of speedy action, and the following telegram dated October 31st had been received by the Foreign Office from the British Ambassador at Chungking, Begins:

Your telegram No. 1336[†] and your telegram dated October 27th[†] I regret delay which is due to Chinese insistence on going through the prescribed motions which includes consulting their representative in the country concerned.

I have interviewed Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs several times and did so again yesterday. Ends.

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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

[Ottawa,] May 1, 1942

Mr. Massey reports that the Czecho-Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs in London have enquired whether the Canadian Government would be willing to receive a Czecho-Slovak Legation in Ottawa, with Dr. Pavlasek, the Czecho-Slovak Consul-General in Montreal, as Chargé d'Affaires of the Legation. In asking Mr. Massey to transmit this enquiry, the Czecho-Slovak Government referred to conversations on this subject which Mr. Masaryk had had during his visit to Ottawa.

We have agreed to receive diplomatic representatives from the other European Allied Governments. The Polish and Norwegian Ministers are already established here; the Greeks and Yugo-Slavs have named their Ministers, who are expected to arrive in Ottawa shortly. In the circumstances I assume we will agree promptly to receiving a Czecho-Slovak representative.⁶ It will be, I am sure, a very modest office. They do not propose to name a Minister. Dr. Pavlasek, who will be Chargé d'Affaires, is a very decent, kindly little man, who has always been on very good terms with this Department. May we say he will be *persona grata*?⁶

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