

tion in Italy and the appointment of Mr. Désy as Minister *before* ratification of the Peace Treaty.<sup>17</sup>

3. In view of a possible technical objection to the King signing a Letter of Credence in the present circumstances, we believe that Mr. Désy could be appointed and with the concurrence of the Italian Government, be received and accredited while postponing the presentation of his Letter of Credence until after the final ratification of the Peace Treaty. I will approach the Italian Government in order to obtain their informal agrément.

4. Similarly, the Italian Government, wishing to appoint a Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada *before* the ratification of the Treaty, we will request that they also withhold the presentation of the Letter of Credence of their Envoy until after final ratification.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au roi*  
*Secretary of State for External Affairs to The King*

Ottawa, January 3, 1947

The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada presents his humble duty to His Majesty the King.

His Majesty's Government in Canada have under consideration the raising of the Canadian Legation in The Hague to the status of Embassy and the appointment of Pierre Dupuy, Esquire, C.M.G., at present His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Canada in the Netherlands, as His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Canada in the Netherlands, and it is desired to ascertain whether the establishment of a Canadian Embassy in The Hague and the appointment of Mr. Pierre Dupuy as His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Canada in the Netherlands would be agreeable to His Majesty.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, accordingly, humbly petitions His Majesty to approve the establishment of a Canadian Embassy in The Hague, and the issuance of a Commission under the Great Seal of Canada and under the signature of His Excellency the Governor General appointing Pierre Dupuy, Esquire,

<sup>17</sup>Note marginale:/Marginal note:

Please have Mr. Heeney place this on agenda. [St. Laurent]  
Désy fut nommé le 13 août./Désy was appointed on August 13.