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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Ambassador in United States

TELEGRAM 1632

Ottawa, June 26, 1948

Parties in Newfoundland have reopened campaign for second referendum. While little new material has so far been introduced, the weekly newspaper *Confederate* of June 16th in a front-page column headlined quote Hands Off Americans unquote charged that some American personnel on the bases intervened unwarrantably and inexcusably in the recent national referendum. I quote for your information: quote We direct the attention of the Newfoundland and United States authorities to the fact that some American personnel on the Bases intervened unwarrantably and inexcusably in the recent National Referendum. They intervened by throwing their weight on the side of one of the forms of government on the ballot-paper — namely, Responsible Government. They intervened by speaking against Confederation. They intervened by suggesting openly, or hinting covertly, that under Confederation the U.S. Bases in Newfoundland would close down, with consequent loss of their jobs by Newfoundland civilians. Was this impertinent intervention into the domestic political affairs of the Newfoundland people by United States personnel made with knowledge and consent of the United States Government, the United States Consul General, the Commanding General, or the Commanding Officers of the Bases? Are we to expect a repetition of this grave breach in the forthcoming campaign? unquote.

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Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au secrétaire d'État
*aux Affaires extérieures*⁶⁴
High Commissioner in Great Britain to Secretary of State
*for External Affairs*⁶⁴

DESPATCH 1265

London, July 1, 1948

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Sir,

With reference to my telegram No. 1006 of July 1st regarding union with Newfoundland, I enclose four copies of a draft of a statement which the Governor of Newfoundland will make public in the event of there being a majority vote for

⁶⁴Cette dépêche et le projet de déclaration, qui n'est pas reproduit, furent signalés au Premier ministre.

⁶⁴This despatch and the draft statement, which is not printed, were referred to the Prime Minister.