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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au représentant
auprès du Comité français de libération nationale*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Representative
to the French Committee of National Liberation*

TELEGRAM 4

Ottawa, January 10, 1944

Reference my immediately preceding telegram. Following is text of letter signed by me as Secretary of State for External Affairs to Mr. Massigli:

My dear Mr. Commissioner,

I am glad to inform you that Major-General G. P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., now in Algiers, has been designated as Representative of Canada to the French Committee of National Liberation with the personal rank of Ambassador. General Vanier will thus be able to take up again, on the soil of France, the work that he carried on in 1939 and 1940 as Canadian Minister to France.

I should like to take this opportunity of assuring you that we in Canada look forward with conviction to the early restoration of France to her high place among the nations. In her vivid and splendid history France has survived many tribulations, none more severe than those of the last three and a half years. We are confident that the French Committee of National Liberation, in carrying forward the struggle against our enemies, will make an ever-growing contribution to the victory of our common cause.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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*Le représentant auprès du Comité français de libération nationale
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Representative to the French Committee of National Liberation
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM FRENCH NO. 5

Algiers, January 12, 1944

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. My telegram French No. 4 of January 10th, giving text of Eden's letter to Massigli crossed your telegrams numbers 3 and 4 of January 10th. This gives to United Kingdom credentials a Head of State character which will be much appreciated by French Committee. Before seeing Massigli again would appreciate confirmation that your letter contained in telegram No. 4 of January 10th is to be conveyed in its present form.

When I have received final word from you, will advise you of date of presentation of letter.

VANIER