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

TELEGRAM 1341

Ottawa, June 8, 1945

On instructions from the Minister of Food, Maurice Hutton on June 7 informed the Canadian Executive Officer of the Combined Food Board, George Paterson, that the presence of a Canadian representative would be welcomed at a conference to be held in London on June 12th of the Ministers of Food and the Ministers of Agriculture of a number of European countries. Paterson has been authorized to attend in his capacity as Canadian Executive Officer of the Combined Food Board.

Action in this matter has had to be taken without receiving the official information which Hutton says is being sent to the Government of Canada by the Dominions Office. As some of the phrases in Hutton's letter suggest that Canadian governmental representation is desired, it would be appreciated if you will make it clear to the United Kingdom authorities that the brevity of notice made it impossible to arrange for governmental participation at the level contemplated in the case of the European governments. Paterson will be attending rather in the capacity of an observer, who will be in a position to supply information concerning the food situation in Canada and Canadian ability to export food. It is hoped that this explanation will avoid Paterson being placed in an embarrassing position. He cannot, of course, be expected to enter into any commitments on behalf of Canada.

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*L'ambassadeur aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État  
aux Affaires extérieures*  
*Ambassador in United States to Secretary of State  
for External Affairs*

TELETYPE WA-3042

Washington, June 11, 1945

Following for Angus from Ritchie, Begins: Your EX-2111 of June 6th, General Eisenhower's telegram concerning inadequacy of supplies available to him for feeding liberated countries of northwest Europe and displaced Allied nationals in Germany.

Following your conversation with Paterson concerning the proposed meeting of the Allied Food Ministers in London on June 14th<sup>230</sup> we suggested to the United Kingdom Military and Civilian representatives that this meeting might

<sup>230</sup>La réunion avait été retardée du 12 au 14 juin.

The meeting was postponed from June 12 to 14.