

5. I need scarcely add that Sir Alexander Clutterbuck possesses qualities which would make him a most distinguished Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Ottawa. Message ends.

5. DEA/10062-40

*Le haut-commissaire par intérim au Royaume-Uni
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Acting High Commissioner in United Kingdom
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 2835

London, November 27, 1951

SECRET

Reference: Your telegram No. 2038 of November 13.

DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS

1. The following message dated November 26 has been received for Mr. St. Laurent from Mr. Churchill, Begins: "Thank you so much for your message. It is very good of you to consult us on this and I am gratified by your kind references to Sir Alexander Clutterbuck. If you wish him to be Dean, and if this is also the wish of the Diplomatic Corps, we should raise no objections." Ends.

6. DEA/10062-40

*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

CONFIDENTIAL

[Ottawa], December 27, 1951

You are probably aware that some members of the Diplomatic Corps appear to be uneasy about the Note† which was circulated recently whereby the Canadian Government notified Heads of Missions that a Commonwealth High Commissioner could now become Dean of the Corps and that on the departure of Dr. Paes, the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom would succeed him.³

2. During the conversation I had with the Italian Ambassador yesterday, when I handed him the answer to the Italian Note on the Peace Treaty,⁴ I raised this issue with Mr. di Stefano to try and clarify the matter. I asked him how he felt about the ruling on the succession to Dr. Paes and what reactions it had among the local Heads of Mission. Mr. di Stefano told me that personally he had found our Note rather upsetting but that he certainly did not intend to make any official protest. He

³ Clutterbuck a été doyen du corps diplomatique jusqu'au 22 mai 1952.

Clutterbuck served as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps until May 22, 1952.

⁴ Voir le document 901./See Document 901.