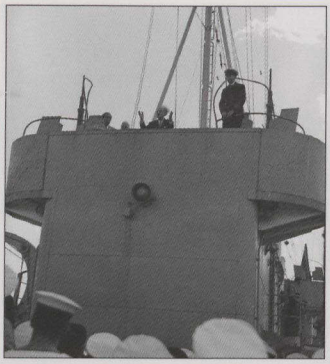
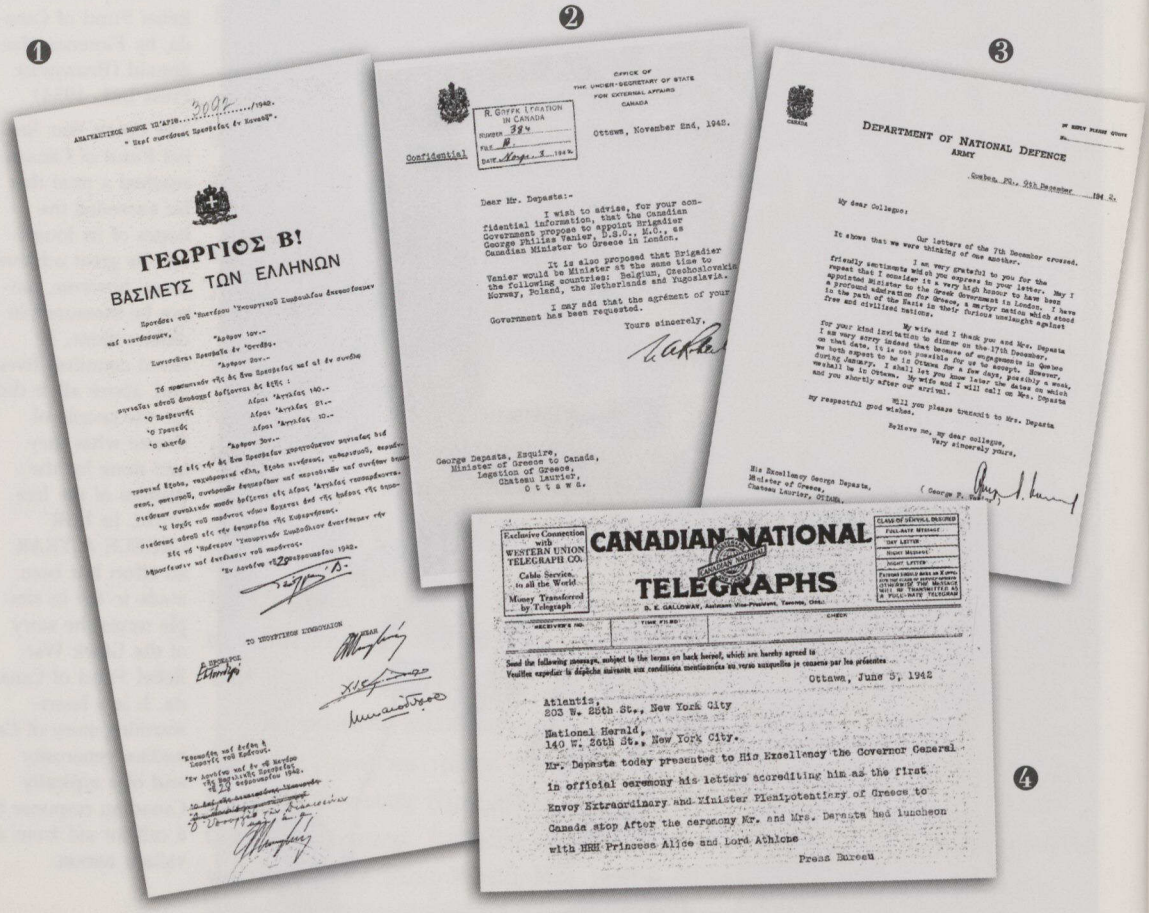


Georgios Papandreou, Prime Minister of Greece, speaking to the Ship's Company of H.M.C.S. PRINCE DAVID before disembarking from the ship, which had returned him and his ministers to Greece (16 October 1944) (Library and Archives Canada; PD-717/ 1967-052 NPC)

Laflèche's dispatches from Athens. The ambassador flattered the aging prime minister with gifts of Greek antiquities and fulsome reports on plans to rename city streets in Athens and Piraeus in King's honour to celebrate Canada's contribution to Greece's liberation. Upon learning that an Athens street had been renamed in his honour, King confided to his diary that this "was the greatest [honour] of the many that have been bestowed in the course of my public life".[6] In 1947, King's name – resplendently carved on marble and lettered in gold – was placed on one of Piraeus' main streets to celebrate the "Canadian who, in his own right and as personifying Canada, is recalled even more vividly than ancient Zeus".[7]

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