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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au ministre de Grande-Bretagne en Suisse*
*Secretary of State for External Affairs to
Minister of Great Britain in Switzerland*

DESPATCH 18

Ottawa, January 20, 1942

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs has informed me that the Thailand Government has agreed to representation of British interests in Thailand by Switzerland.

I should be grateful if you would inform the Swiss Government that it is understood that this includes also the protection of Canadian interests in Thailand and express the gratitude of the Canadian Government to the Swiss Government in the usual form, if this has not already been done.

I have etc.

[N. A. ROBERTSON]
for the Secretary of State
for External Affairs

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

TELEGRAM 616

London, March 4, 1942

My telegram No. 533 of February 25th.[†]

Protection of Canadian interests in Far East. British Ambassador at Washington reported February 27th that Under-Secretary of State had approached him regarding continuance of Argentine representation of British interests in Japan.

Under-Secretary of State said that Argentines were pressing United States to let them send Ambassador-designate to Tokyo and were urging this in part on grounds that they had to represent British interests. Under-Secretary of State added that he would be glad if the United Kingdom Government would deprive the Argentines of this excuse. He considered it "in the highest degree anomalous and undesirable" for the Argentines to continue to maintain their present position (meaning presumably their anxiety to improve their representation in Japan). As you will recall from second paragraph of my telegram No. 456 of December 22nd,[†] British Ambassador has already given Under-Secretary of