

I would be grateful if you could convey the following confidential message from me to General [sic] Alexander, Begins:

My dear General Alexander,

I should like to submit your name, for His Majesty's approval, as Governor General of Canada. You will not need to be informed of the reasons which cause my colleagues and myself to hope that you will agree to my so doing. I know that your acceptance of the position of Governor General would be warmly welcomed by the people of Canada.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING
Prime Minister of Canada

Ends.

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Le secrétaire privé du Roi au Premier ministre
Private Secretary to the King to Prime Minister

TELEGRAM

London, July 26, 1945

TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL. July 26th.

Your telegram of July 24th. Following is text of letter which Field Marshal Alexander is sending you by Canadian High Commissioner's bag, Begins:

My dear Prime Minister,

The King's Private Secretary has given me message contained in your telegram of July 24th. I am honoured by your offer to submit my name to The King. Should His Majesty think fit to appoint me to succeed Lord Athlone as Governor General of Canada, I shall be very proud indeed to accept this high office.

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD ALEXANDER

Ends.

2. Field Marshal told me that completion of his work in Italy and difficulties of making personal preparations in present circumstances would make it impossible for him to reach Canada before next spring.

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