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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to High Commissioner in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 1834

Ottawa, October 7, 1942

CONFIDENTIAL. Canadian Government desire to ascertain whether His Majesty would approve the appointment of Major-General Victor W. Odlum, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., at present High Commissioner for Canada in Australia, as His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Canada in China.<sup>4</sup> Please make verbal submission to His Majesty. Formal submission will be forwarded by air mail within the next few days.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to High Commissioner in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 2019

Ottawa, November 1, 1942

SECRET. Announcement of appointments of Canadian Ministers to U.S.S.R. and China, and of new High Commissioner to Australia,<sup>5</sup> is being held up pending receipt of Chinese Agrément of Odlum. In deference to persistent Chinese pressure we had promised some months ago that we would not appoint Minister to U.S.S.R. until we were also ready to name Minister to Chungking. Present delay in announcement has become embarrassing to our Government and may appear discourteous to U.S.S.R. Chinese Minister here has cabled his Government urging prompt action on Agrément. I think it would be helpful if you would have the Foreign Office ask the British Ambassador in Chungking to endeavour to secure immediate action by Chinese Government. You might also speak to the Chinese Embassy in London in the same sense.

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secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in Great Britain to  
Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 2693

London, November 2, 1942

MOST IMMEDIATE. Your telegram No. 2019 of November 1st. Chinese Government have now given their agrément to appointment of General Odlum as

<sup>4</sup>Voir le document 69.

<sup>5</sup>See Document 69.