

TELEGRAM

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From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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No. 1685. Secret. Your telegram No. 1328 July 6th.
Draft instrument of surrender for Germany.

United Kingdom Government expect to let me have a full expression of their views as a result of my representations to Eden at the beginning of next week. Meanwhile Ritchie has had an interview with Strang, of which a full memorandum was sent to you by air bag under cover of my despatch A. 402 of July 3rd, together with copy of my memorandum which I left with Eden.

I urged our view very strongly on Eden, not only from the point of view of Canada's interests, but with relation to the interests of the other United Nations principally affected. I do not anticipate, however, that United Kingdom policy will be much modified at this stage for the reasons given to Ritchie by Strang. The Government do not seem to wish to re-open the question of the European Advisory Commission at the present time. They feel rather that there may be an opportunity for further modification in the text of the draft instrument when the views of the other United Nations principally affected have been received, as contemplated in paragraph 4 of Dominions Office telegram No. 97 of June 28th.

I have little doubt, however, that the United Kingdom Government are in substantial agreement with our own views, and that they intend to do their best to bring about the effective