

Vanier has telegraphed to urge the deferment of any announcement of his appointment for the present, and even wished us not to submit his name to the French until the end of the month. I have answered that we could not defer clearing the matter with the French as otherwise we could not proceed with the necessary arrangements for establishing his office. I told him that we would try to give him a considerable period of warning between the receipt of the French agreement to his appointment and its public announcement, so as to give him a chance of explaining, personally, to the Foreign Ministers of the Allied Governments that he was leaving London for Algiers after a comparatively short stay in London. I mention this in case you might find it possible, when his appointment is confirmed by Council, to emphasize the need for complete secrecy until public announcement is made. It will take a little time for Vanier to make his explanations, as he has so many different Governments to see and he cannot begin until we have had word from Algiers.

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*Le délégué du Comité français de la libération nationale
au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*
*Delegate of French Committee of National Liberation
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Ottawa, le 18 octobre 1943

Monsieur le Sous-Secrétaire d'État,

Me référant à la conversation que j'ai eue avec M. Wrong, le 5 octobre, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir qu'il est particulièrement agréable au Comité Français de la Libération Nationale de donner son agrément à la désignation du Général Vanier comme représentant du Gouvernement canadien auprès de lui.

Par ailleurs, pour répondre au désir qu'a bien voulu exprimer M. Wrong, l'agrément ainsi donné ne sera rendu public que lorsque le Département des Affaires Extérieures le désirera.¹⁸

Veuillez agréer etc.

G. BONNEAU

¹⁸La nomination fut rendue publique le 25 octobre.

¹⁸The appointment was announced on October 25.