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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. 589. Most Secret. Immediate. My telegram No. 585. May 11th.

Have now received following from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

"Many thanks for your letter of today. May I say at once how greatly the United Kingdom Government appreciate this prompt and welcome evidence of further cooperation on the part of the Canadian Government.

Immediate examination is being given to helpful suggestions referred to in your letter and I will communicate with you again as soon as possible".

Have just had message from the War Office to the effect that they gratefully accept the Canadian Government's offer of an Infantry Battalion for the West Indies and suggest dates and detailed arrangements can be discussed between the respective Staffs.

I may say that message making offers of additional assistance to the Allies' efforts, contained in your telegram No. 517, May 10th, was received by the Government of the United Kingdom with expressions of very deep and sincere gratitude.

MASSEY.

Received Ottawa, 3.45 p.m.

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