

status of the Canadian Legation in Washington should be changed to that of embassy, and that the Hon. Leighton Goldie McCarthy, K.C. at present His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Canada in Washington should be appointed as His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Canada in Washington, the appointment being made by Commission issued under the Great Seal of Canada and the signature of Your Excellency.

I shall hope to receive an early indication of His Majesty's pleasure.

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[W. L. MACKENZIE KING]

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Gouverneur général en Conseil*

Secretary of State for External Affairs to Governor General in Council

Ottawa, November 10, 1943

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has the honour to report that it is desirable for the better representation of Canadian interests abroad in accordance with the growing importance of Canadian participation in international affairs that he should be authorized, in cases where he deems it expedient, to recommend to His Majesty the King that the rank of any Canadian Minister accredited to a foreign sovereign or government should be raised to that of ambassador, subject in all cases to the agreement of the foreign sovereign or government to the exchange of ambassadors, and to recommend, therefore, that His Majesty the King be humbly moved to approve the policy of raising the rank of Canadian ministers to that of ambassador, and the authorization of the Secretary of State for External Affairs to make recommendations for specific alterations of status in accordance with that policy in such cases as he deems expedient.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has the honour to recommend that the usual steps be taken to submit this matter to His Majesty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[W. L. MACKENZIE KING]

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*Le secrétaire du Gouverneur général au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Secretary to Governor General to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

Ottawa, December 8, 1943

My dear Norman [Robertson],

I now enclose a copy, for your records, of the memorandum on the procedure