

to give him the personal rank of Ambassador now; this would not affect his official title, but might give him some added standing.¹³

Some slight difficulty, however, might result in connection with the status of the French Delegate here. Bonneau, the French Delegate, is certainly too junior in their Service to be given such a high rank. He now receives the diplomatic privileges of a Head of a Mission, and his name appears at the end of our Diplomatic List. I think it unlikely that the French would raise the question of the personal rank of their representative (which would not affect in any way his place in the order of precedence, as he does not represent a government), unless they were to replace Bonneau.¹⁴

If you prefer, we can leave this phrase out of the letter for Vanier. We should send him instructions very soon so that he can make arrangements for his reception by the President of the Committee.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au représentant
auprès du Comité français de libération nationale*
*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Representative
to the French Committee of National Liberation*

TELEGRAM 31

Ottawa, January 10, 1944

Your telegrams French Nos. 1 and 2[†] we received via London January 7th. On January 8th I signed a letter to Monsieur Massigli the text of which is given in my immediately following telegram. The statement is included in this letter that you have the personal rank of Ambassador. This has not yet been announced in Ottawa. Please inform me when arrangements are made for you to present the Letter to the President of the French Committee so that we may make an announcement here including a reference to your personal rank.

¹³Note marginale:

Marginal note:

I agree. K[ING]

¹⁴La note suivante était écrite sur ce mémorandum:

The following note was written on the memorandum:

There will be time enough to receive an ambassador from France when France is liberated with a recognized head of the State. K[ING]