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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that yesterday, April 20th, I was received by General Wladyslaw Sikorski, Prime Minister of Poland. He was extremely friendly in his greeting, informing me that the President of the Polish Republic had passed on to him the sentiments of good-will and of admiration for his country, which I had expressed. I then gave him a message of good wishes from you, which he asked me very particularly to reciprocate, remembering as he did the many courtesies which you showed him during his visit to Canada.

2. After a further exchange of amenities I broached the subject of the disappearance of the Polish Officers who, according to Nazi propaganda had been murdered by the Russians. General Sikorski replied that there was no doubt in his mind about the fate of these Officers: they had been killed by the Soviet authorities probably during the months of April and May, 1940. During the General's visit to Moscow in December, 1941, he had raised the matter of the disappearance of these Officers several times with M. Stalin, and the last time in quite a peremptory fashion. M. Stalin replied each time that all the Polish officers had been released. The General added, however, that M. Stalin had appeared very upset indeed by his persistent questioning, and added: "Quand Stalin perd son calme on sait ce que cela veut dire". The General repeated that he was quite sure that the Polish Officers, some eight thousand in number, had been assassinated. He had told Mr. Churchill that it was not possible for him to ignore the Nazi propaganda relating to this matter. The Armed Forces of Poland would not understand such silence nor would his conscience be at ease if he did not ask for an investigation.

3. Questioned about Poland's Eastern frontier, and the attitude of the Soviet Government, General Sikorski replied that he had obtained the agreement of both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt - and he considered this quite an achievement in the circumstances - that the matter would not be discussed or considered by either country at the present time but must wait over until the end of the war when, of course, it might be raised at the Peace Conference itself. He informed me that Mr. Churchill had been extremely sympathetic to the Polish point of view. Mr. Eden also was now taking a much more reasonable view of the situation.

4. The General had spoken recently to about two hundred and fifty Members of Parliament, at a meeting over which Mr. Eden had presided. One M.P. had asked him if he could accept

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