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FROM: THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO FRANCE, BELGIUM AND THE
NETHERLANDS

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

CYPHER

LONDON, January 11, 1941.

NO. 4

No. 4. Your telegrams No. 2 and No. 4 of the
2nd and 9th of January.

(1) I had asked the Prime Minister to communicate
with you concerning specific missions assigned me in
Vichy and North Africa. If you wish me to enter into
further details I may add

(a) That I shall be interested in enquiries
about political, economic and military situation in
North Africa. The question of blockade will require
particular attention;

(b) I shall convey messages from different
Departments here on eventual help which might be given
to North Africa in case the Colonies should resume
hostilities on our side;

(c) His Majesty has also asked me to make
enquiries on His behalf while in Vichy;

(d) I shall have to report on the situation
of the French Government following recent Ministerial changes
and on the present stage of negotiations between the French
and German authorities.

(2) I shall not insist on recognition of the status
of the Canadian Charge d'Affaires ad interim unless I feel
that the French Government can take a decision without any