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MEMORANDUM

The Department of State has received from the American Embassy at Vichy a telegram dated February 23, 1941, a paraphrase of which is given below for the information of the Legation of Canada:

Mr. Dupuy requests that the Department of External Affairs be informed in the following sense:

In unoccupied France, he has established contact with fifteen nationals of Canada. In his opinion, they should be advised to leave France. If unable to pay the cost of transportation, they should be repatriated.

He has inquired of the French authorities whether Canadians of military age may go to North Africa. If permission is granted, will the Canadian Government pay for the transportation of those unable to do so? Mr. Dupuy expresses the opinion that internment can not otherwise be avoided upon the occupation of the zone that is now unoccupied.

Mr. Dupuy expresses the hope that by March first he will have left for North Africa, and asks that his family be informed that his morale and his health are excellent.

Department of State, ↗
Washington, February 26, 1941.

*Director's Office verbally
to be advised to
carry out*

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