

by the British Government to the Swiss authorities for the protection of British interests in Indochina.

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Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM CIRCULAR D. 779

London, December 28, 1941.

SECRET. My telegram of December 8th, Circular D. 728.

Japanese Government agree to Swiss Government taking over British interests in occupied China (excluding Manchuria).

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au ministre en Argentine
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Minister in Argentina

TELEGRAM 55

Ottawa, December 29, 1941

My telegram No. 43 of December 19.[†]

Understand Argentine Government has not received with favour suggestion by the British Ambassador that they should hand over to the Swiss Government the protection of British interests in the Japanese Empire and Manchuria. His Majesty's Minister at Berne reported by telegram received today that Swiss authorities were prepared to take over, but in view of the reported attitude of the Argentine Government and as the existing arrangement is entirely satisfactory to the Canadian Government, it is not proposed to make any change unless a proposal to the contrary should be received from the Argentine Government.

If you think that any hint may have reached the Argentine authorities that the Canadian Government might propose that they should hand over to the Swiss, you should at the first convenient opportunity inform the Argentine Foreign Office that, in view of the cordial relations existing between Canada and the Argentine and of the recent exchange of Ministers which provides a satisfactory channel of communication, the Canadian Government does not desire any change unless at any time the Argentine Government should wish to relinquish the responsibility for the protection of Canadian interests.