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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au haut-commissaire en Inde*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to High Commissioner in India*

TELEGRAM ET-972

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The Prime Minister's personal letter to Nehru had not repeat not been regarded as forming part of the concerted diplomatic approaches described in ET-832. We had in mind a separate initiative based on the hope that Canada, in view of its existing cooperation with India in the atomic field as evidenced by the CIR, might succeed in persuading Nehru that India's attitude on safeguards should be reconsidered. Our telegram ET-832 Section III (b) which was meant to draw this distinction may instead have misled you.

2. We were aware that the USA had met a negative response to an approach made several months ago through their embassy and that this was their reason for excluding Bunker's recommendation that led them to this conclusion.

3. We consider therefore that you should present the Prime Minister's letter to Nehru as planned. You could also explain to the USA Ambassador that we are doing this, not repeat not as part of the joint diplomatic approaches planned for other capitals, but as an independent initiative [document déchiré/document torn] on the belief that the importance of India's role in the safeguards debate justifies this additional effort by another member of the Commonwealth to secure Indian cooperation.

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*Le haut-commissaire en Inde
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*High Commissioner in India
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TELEGRAM 410

Delhi, July 22, 1960

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This morning I delivered Mr. Diefenbaker's letter to Mr. Nehru and spoke briefly along lines indicated in your numbered letter ET-355 July 8. Nehru said he had discussed the matter fully with Macmillan at the last conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers. Subsequently Macmillan had written to him urging India's support for a system of safeguards. In reply he had sent to Macmillan a lengthy statement outlining India's position. He suggested that this statement contained India's carefully considered attitude to the whole problem and he would send me a copy for transmission to Diefenbaker.