

3. I saw Mr. Duff Cooper⁸ today. He brought no letter and has suggested to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that a message be telegraphed to him on similar lines to Mr. Hull's letter to Massigli. Text of Mr. Hull's letter contained in my immediately following telegram.[†]

4. I would appreciate immediate message by telegram for Massigli otherwise there may be delay in my being received by the President of the French Committee. Ends.

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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures⁹
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs⁹
to Prime Minister*

Ottawa, January 8, 1944

Vanier has telegraphed from Algiers to say that it is necessary for him to have some sort of a letter to use as his credentials. I attach copies of two telegrams from him dated yesterday.¹⁰ We had not considered it necessary to provide him with such a letter, as we had learned that Mr. Macmillan¹¹ and Mr. Murphy¹² when they were appointed as representatives to the Committee of National Liberation, had presented no documents of any kind. It now appears that a different procedure has been developed and that a letter from the Head of State or the Foreign Minister is needed. Vanier suggests that without such a letter the President of the Committee may not be prepared to receive him.

I attach, for your consideration, a letter from you to Mr. Massigli, the text of which could be sent to Vanier by telegram. This raises one point of some importance. Both Mr. Wilson (the new United States Representative) and Mr. Duff Cooper (the new United Kingdom Representative) have been given the personal rank of Ambassador. The Representatives of the Soviet and Belgian Governments in Algiers and perhaps some others also have this rank. The British Government has accorded an equal rank to Mr. Vienot, the Representative of the French Committee in London. With some hesitation I have included in the draft letter a statement that Vanier will have the personal rank of Ambassador. Clearly we shall exchange Embassies with France when we enter into relations with a full French Government, and it is not unlikely that Vanier will become Canadian Ambassador to France. It therefore would be reasonable

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¹⁰Voir le document précédent.

See preceding document.

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