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Le secrétaire aux Dominions au Gouverneur général
Dominions Secretary to Governor General

TELEGRAM

London, May 26, 1927

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegram of May 26th. Anglo-Soviet relations. H. M. Government in Great Britain greatly appreciate the prompt consideration of the position by H. M. Government in Canada and the resulting action. We will, of course, let you know at once of the result of the debate in the House of Commons to-day. If the note is delivered, of which text was telegraphed yesterday, would it be your Ministers desire that further note should be sent by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Soviet Chargé d'Affaires intimating that he is desired by H. M. Government in Canada to inform him that they regard the arrangement made in notes exchanged on July 3rd 1922 as no longer having effect, and if so, would they wish any addition should be made as regards the matter referred to in the last sentence of your telegram.

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L'agent officiel de l'Union soviétique au Premier ministre
Official Agent of the Soviet Union to Prime Minister

TELEGRAM

Montreal, May 26, 1927

Pray once more hesitate to abolish the Treaty with the Soviet Union if it is inevitable let us abolish it in accordance with the Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement which says "before taking any action inconsistent with the agreement the aggrieved party shall give the other party a reasonable opportunity of furnishing an explanation of remedying the default". Give me an opportunity to present you with an explanation on behalf of the Soviet Government regarding the accusation made against it by the British Government. The latter treats the Government of the workers and peasants with contempt but I believe the people of Canada whom you represent disagree with this spirit and it would be in harmony with their opinion and desire if your Government would make a decision only after studying the explanation of the Soviet Government. It is easy to break a precious thing but it is difficult to create it. You have plenty of time to break the Treaty if you will find the explanation of the Soviet Government unsatisfactory. During my last interview with you I asked you whether you have any grievances against the Soviet agency in Canada. You answered "no". On my way from Ottawa to Montreal I read your statement that "no espionage by Russian Office at Montreal found". Under different circumstances this statement would please me very much but I carried in my heart the sorrow of the injustice which your Government committed against the workers and peasants Government