

Out of twenty-four European Missions, the following ten omitted this formality: the Ambassadors of Belgium, France, and Italy, and the Ministers of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, and Rumania. Out of twenty American Missions, the following eight failed to call: the Ambassadors of Brazil, Cuba, and Peru, and the Ministers of Bolivia, Ecuador, Honduras, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Out of five Asiatic Missions, the Chinese Ambassador and the Iranian Charge d'Affaires were the only absentees. The Egyptian Minister was the sole representative of a foreign African country, and he did his duty.

I was surprised that the French and Italian Ambassadors failed to call, especially as some members of their staffs left cards at the Legation. On the whole, however, I was more surprised at the number of Ambassadors and Ministers who did come to call here, in addition to American officials and a considerable number of private individuals. One Senator and one Representative were among the callers.

Yours sincerely,

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Le ministre au Japon au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Minister in Japan to Secretary of State for External Affairs

DESPATCH 31

Tokyo, February 3, 1936

Sir,

I have the honour to submit below some particulars in respect to matters which resulted from the lamented death of His Late Majesty King George V.

Contingent preparations for the possible event of the King's death were discussed on Monday morning, January 20th. On Tuesday morning January 21st news of the decease of the King was received by the press in Tokyo and a telephone message was communicated by the British Embassy to the Canadian Legation at 9.30 A.M. At 4.20 P.M. I sent my telegram No. 4 to you asking for general instructions; and at 4.30 P.M. I received your telegram No. 4 notifying me officially of the death of the King. Your telegram No. 5 in reply to my No. 4 requesting instructions was received at 7.30 A.M. on January 22nd.

During the day of Tuesday the 21st conversations were had almost continuously with the British Embassy in order to keep in touch with local developments and to unify procedure. It was agreed to send separate letters of notification immediately to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, which was done before your telegram No. 5 was received authorizing this step. The following day also separate notifications were sent to all the diplomatic colleagues by both the Canadian Legation and the British Embassy.