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TELEGRAM

From The Canadian Minister in the United States

To The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canada

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WASHINGTON, October 1st, 1940.

NO. 253.

No. 255. French Embassy have requested diplomatic visa for Count Serge Fleury, Honorary Secretary at Embassy, who is proceeding to Canada for short visit, during which, Embassy state, he will address various Catholic groups in Canada.

It was learned that he is personal acquaintance and friend of new Ambassador. Dumaine, First Secretary at French Embassy, has stated that he is not going to Canada on any kind of propaganda mission. Count Fleury has been travelling through the United States and Canada for some years, and he is proceeding on another of his periodical visits. Confidentially, Dumaine added he would say that Fleury was absolutely harmless but was the kind of a busy body who felt very important. Please wire whether a visa can be granted.

CANADIAN MINISTER

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