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TELEGRAM

FROM: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN
TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

IMMEDIATE

MOST SECRET

LONDON, November 2nd, 1940.

CYPHER

NO. 1848

No. 1848. Most Secret. Personal to the Prime
Minister, Begins:

Lord Halifax wishes me to ask you whether it would be possible for Dupuy, as Canadian Charge d'Affaires accredited to the French Government, to pay a short visit to Vichy next week. Halifax feels that Dupuy might be able to make an informal report on present situation in Vichy which would be of considerable value. Halifax realizes, of course, that you may not wish Dupuy to visit Vichy at the present time, in which case the idea must be dropped, but he feels that if an unobtrusive visit could be arranged with some official business in connection with Canadian interests in France as the excuse, it might be very helpful in present circumstances. There is at present as you know, very little contact between London and Vichy. The visit, to be of the greatest use, should take place as soon as possible, and for that reason I should be glad to have your reply, telling me what I am to say to Lord Halifax, as soon as possible. Dupuy suggests that a suitable pretext for visit might be situation of Canadians interned in occupied France. Ends.

MASSEY

Redd Ottawa, 10:16 a.m.