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*Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

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

[Ottawa,] June 6, 1942

As I mentioned to you in the War Committee on Thursday, Mr. McCarthy reported that morning that Mr. Sumner Welles had spoken to him very earnestly about the importance the United States attached to the establishment of direct diplomatic relations between Canada and Mexico. He thought that an immediate indication of our willingness to receive a Mexican diplomatic representative and of our intention to reciprocate, would be very helpful, following Mexico's entry into the war.

I reminded Mr. McCarthy that it was now nearly a year since we agreed to exchange representatives with China, and that for some months we had been committed to establishing a Legation in Moscow, but that so far we have not been able to find the right men to staff the new Missions. In these circumstances I thought you would be reluctant to make a decision about establishing a Legation in Mexico until you could see your way to going through with it pretty promptly.

Mr. McCarthy would like to be able to tell Mr. Welles that he has transmitted the message to you and that the Government is giving serious and sympathetic consideration to it.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au ministre aux États-Unis
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Minister in United States*

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Ottawa, June 6, 1942

IMMEDIATE. Following for Minister from Robertson, Begins: Reference your message WA-1236.¹ Your conversation with Welles about importance of early exchange of diplomatic representation with Mexico was discussed by the Prime Minister with the War Committee yesterday. There was general appreciation of desirability of action in this sense but it was felt that it would be inadvisable to proceed with establishment of a Legation in Mexico until we have appointed representatives to Chungking and Moscow. Although we formally agreed to