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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au secrétaire aux Dominions
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Dominions Secretary

TELEGRAM 79

Ottawa, December 22, 1936

My telegram No. 71 of 8th December.

Belgian Legation at Ottawa and Baron Silvercruys.

His Majesty's Government in Canada have thus far considered this proposal an approach. In the event of the Belgian Government desiring to proceed with their proposal, His Majesty's Government in Canada would wish with the concurrence of His Excellency the Governor General to seek the official approval of His Majesty.

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Le haut commissaire de Grande-Bretagne au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures

British High Commissioner to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

Ottawa, December 24, 1936

SECRET AND IMPORTANT

My dear Dr. Skelton,

To enable you to complete your records I should perhaps send you this letter to confirm the understanding reached when you were good enough to see Holmes this morning that I should inform the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs that it is the desire of the Canadian Government that the matter of the proposed Belgian Legation should be regularised by a formal submission to His Majesty by the Secretary of State on their behalf.

I am telegraphing accordingly and at the same time I am explaining that while the difficulties of obtaining a further formal note from the Belgian Ambassador in London are appreciated, the Canadian Government would wish that a note should be addressed to him to supplement that sent to him in respect of their telegram No. 74 of the 10th December making it clear, but not putting it as a condition of the reception of a Belgian Minister here, that it is not the intention of the Canadian Government at present that a Canadian Minister should be appointed to Brussels.

Yours very sincerely,

F.L.C. FLOUD