

YOUR TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AFTER WHITE SULPHUR  
SPRINGS: POSSIBLE SALE OF CF-100'S TO BELGIUM<sup>10</sup>

Last night you raised this problem with the Secretary of State, pointing out that, on grounds of security, the USAF were unwilling to release for transfer to Belgium the fire control system to equip CF-100's which the Belgian authorities wished to obtain from Canada. Whatever the merits of the position taken by the USAF, the resultant situation was exceedingly difficult and embarrassing in dealings with a North Atlantic ally alongside whom Canadian forces were serving with in Western Europe.

2. Neither Mr. Dulles nor Livingston Merchant had heard anything about this and the Secretary at once recognized the political difficulty involved in refusing the Belgian request. He promised to look into the position and let us know the result.

3. In describing the circumstances we said quite frankly that the RCAF were inclined to believe that the USAF position was quite justified on security grounds.

4. Merchant asked me to follow this matter up with him and, unless I am instructed to the contrary I will take an opportunity of doing so when I see him next week.

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CHINA POLICY

This is a sixth telegram in the series referred to in my telegram 611 of March 29 as consisting of five telegrams.

2. You will remember that when we dined with the Secretary of State last night we referred to the proposed "China exercise", that is to say, our joint intention of exchanging views (and papers) on this subject in a deliberate and objective manner.

<sup>10</sup> Voir volume 22, chapitre III, première partie, section (d).  
See Volume 22, Chapter III, Part 1, Section (d).