

B.W.I., will place the continued operation of the existing B.W.I. agreement in jeopardy.

2. Consequently the United Kingdom also has an important interest in preventing an outcome which results in a worsened position for us. You should discuss position with the British with a view to securing their assistance so that joint bargaining power of two countries is used to bring about a result which is satisfactory to us. You should tell the British delegation that unless this is possible, you are authorized to increase Canadian offer to Cuba from one hundred thousand tons to one hundred and fifty thousand tons, which on an allocated basis would give Cuba about ninety thousand tons.

3. Clutterbuck was in to see me today to inform me of the concern of his government over the offer we have already made to Cuba. I explained to him the Canadian position along the lines of the above and told him also the substance of my instructions to you. He said he would communicate immediately with his government regarding our attitude and further proposals. Ends.

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*Le haut-commissaire au Royaume-Uni
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in United Kingdom
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 734

London, March 28, 1951

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Following for Abbott from McKinnon, Begins: This urgent message is sent in anticipation of immediate response by Cuban Government to sugar proposal agreed between the two delegations.

2. To make possible Cuban revalidation of Geneva schedule by closing date we must have ready to hand to their delegation a draft note affirming our agreement to purchase sugar as outlined to Deutsch by telephone yesterday and through him confirmed by you last night.

3. We proposed the text set forth in the fourth paragraph of this message. As drafted it deliberately leaves all technical details to be worked out by commercial experts in Ottawa, such as the meaning of the word purchase, the place of purchase, the question of origin, terms of purchase and so forth. At earliest possible instant we must have text approved by you for consideration by Cuban delegation prior to Torquay deadline. Draft text follows.

4. In each of the calendar years 1951, 1952 and 1953, the Government of Canada will purchase 150 million pounds avoirdupois of Cuban raw sugar on the basis of the price of sugar in the world market at the time of purchase. Details will be worked out in Ottawa by the appropriate agency of the Canadian Government in consultation with Cuba. Ends.