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A draft telegram to the Canadian High Commissioner in London, instructing him to inform the King of the Canadian government’s action was also submitted.

(External Affairs telegram to the Canadian High Commissioner, London, November 9, 1942).<sup>†</sup>

4. THE CABINET, after discussion, approved the course proposed by the Prime Minister for withdrawal of recognition of the Vichy government.

The meeting adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

A. D. P. HEENEY  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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*Le secrétaire d’État aux Affaires extérieures au ministre de France*  
*Secretary of State for External Affairs to Minister of France*

No.24

Ottawa, November 11, 1942

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the fact that the Government which you represented has ordered the Armed Forces of France to offer resistance to military forces of the United Nations sent to assist in the liberation of France from Nazi domination. This makes it perfectly clear, that there no longer exists in France a government that has any effective independent existence. In other words, that there no longer exists in France a legal or constitutional government in any sense representative of the French people, but only a German puppet government. In these circumstances, the Canadian Government has ceased to recognize the present government at Vichy as being the *de jure* Government of France and diplomatic relations with Vichy are accordingly terminated.

2. Arrangements will be made to issue special passports enabling you, your wife and family, and the members of your mission, and their wives and families, to depart from Canada. Accordingly, I should be grateful if you would furnish me with a list of the names and addresses of the secretaries, attachés, and other officials of your mission, and their wives and families, and of French nationals in your household who may claim allegiance to the government which you represented. Due to the existing lack of steamship communication or air transport between Canada and France, it may be necessary to make special arrangements for their repatriation. If so, the matter can be taken up at a later date.

3. The Government of Canada desires to accord to you and to the members of your mission, on the basis of reciprocity, every consideration and courtesy compatible with the safe-guarding of our national interest.