

The passage of such aircraft shall be subject to a special convention to be concluded between the United States and the Dominion of Canada provided that such convention shall not apply to the aircraft of any other contracting State which passes into or crosses the territory or territorial waters of the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

Yours very truly,

ARTHUR L. SIFTON

138. *Le premier ministre du Royaume-Uni au Premier ministre*

Dear Sir Robert,

Paris, May 9, 1919

I have carefully considered what you said to me about the urgency of returning immediately to Canada. I fully understand the importance of the reasons which are influencing you and your colleagues in desiring your immediate return, but I do attach the very utmost value to the presence here in Paris of all the Prime Ministers of the Empire until we know whether or not the Germans are going to sign Peace. We may be faced with very grave decisions in the next few weeks, and I think it is almost essential that all the heads of the responsible governments of the Empire should be here if they have to be taken. I, therefore, most earnestly trust that you will see your way to remaining here until we know what the Germans are going to do about Peace.

Yours sincerely,

D. LLOYD GEORGE

139. *Le premier ministre du Royaume-Uni au Premier ministre*

Dear Prime Minister,

Paris, May 10, 1919

With reference to our recent discussions in the B.E.D., I beg to enclose for your information a copy of an agreement which Mr. Balfour and I signed and handed to M. Clemenceau, that we should recommend to Parliament that Great Britain should give an undertaking to come to the assistance of France in the event of a renewal of unprovoked aggression by Germany. I would call your special attention to the last clause which relates to the Dominions. I also enclose a copy of a similar agreement signed by President Wilson.¹ Will you be so kind as to keep these documents confidential for the present?

Yours sincerely,

D. LLOYD GEORGE

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