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From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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hope that it may still be possible for such relations to be maintained. His Majesty's Government, for their part, would be willing to send a representative of the appropriate rank to represent them at Vichy, and thus re-establish Anglo-French diplomatic relations upon a normal basis for what they believe would be to the mutual benefit of both countries.

His Majesty's Government have not reached this conclusion solely out of regard for treatment of immediate problems. Of even greater importance in their view is the future and whatever hard feelings events may at any time engender, His Majesty's Government are firmly convinced that a continuance of relations between the two Governments is in accord, both with the sentiments and with the interests of the British and French people." Ends.

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