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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to High Commissioner in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 124

Ottawa, January 22, 1942

Your telegram No. 2378 of December 15th. You are authorized to sign draft agreement for exchange of consuls between Canada and the U.S.S.R., proposed by Soviet Ambassador. Text as it stands is acceptable except that our Government should be described as "the Government of Canada". Please advise us of probable date of signature of agreement and concert publicity arrangements with Maisky so that fact of signature can be announced simultaneously in Ottawa.³⁶

For your information, I may add that Government does not intend for the present to appoint Consuls to U.S.S.R., but takes view that most appropriate Canadian representation in Moscow would be diplomatic. Enquiries as to the acceptability of a Canadian Minister to the U.S.S.R. will, it is expected, be initiated shortly through the usual channels.

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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

Ottawa, February 27, 1942

CANADIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE U.S.S.R.

Under the Agreement concluded in London on February 5th between Canada and the U.S.S.R., provision was made for the exchange of consular representatives, the number and residence of which was to be decided by subsequent negotiations between the Canadian and Russian Governments.

2. On February 12th Mr. Massey advised that the Russian Government wished to open a Consulate General at Ottawa with a Consular Agency, subordinate to the main Consulate, at Halifax. Mr. Maisky requested a decision at the earliest possible moment as to whether such an arrangement would be agreeable to the Canadian Government. On February 13th a reply[†] was sent indicating that the Canadian Government approved this arrangement.

3. The question of the precise nature of Canadian representation in the U.S.S.R., however, has not yet been solved. I think there is a great deal to be said

³⁶L'accord fut signé le 5 février. Voir Canada, *Recueil des traités*, 1942, N° 9.

³⁶The agreement was signed on February 5. See Canada, *Treaty Series*, 1942, No. 9.