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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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LONDON, July 9, 1940.

CYPHER

No. 98

No. 98. Secret. My telegram of today, Circular D. 324, describes the present position as regards relations with France generally. Certain particular aspects of this question was raised in a letter, from the High Commissioner for Canada, of July 4th, sent on instructions of His Majesty's Government in Canada. Answers to particular questions raised in that letter, in so far as they are not covered by my telegram, are as follows:-

(a) and (b) Please see my telegram Circular D. 304 of July 4th; (c) French Embassy in London has hitherto continued to be silent and its personnel, except Service Attaches, have continued to enjoy full diplomatic privileges. Embassy, but not Service Attaches, has been permitted to send and receive cypher telegrams and has been given to understand not to use this privilege as a means of sending telegrams contrary to British interests;

(d) No action has been taken to restrict activities of French Consulates, but telegrams between French Consul Officers and the Petain Government have been stopped. As to telegrams between French Consular Officers and French Colonial Possessions, see my telegram Circular C. 55 of July 2nd;