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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 1572

Ottawa, September 6, 1943

SECRET. Reference your telegram No. 1437 of June 28th.

You may inform the Turkish Ambassador in London that the Canadian Government welcome the proposal of the Turkish Government to appoint a Minister to Ottawa.

It is our understanding that the Turkish Government in proposing the establishment of a Turkish Legation in Canada, is waiving the question of the reciprocal establishment of a Canadian Legation in Ankara. Recent press reports from Ankara indicate that the Turkish Government may have in mind designating their Ambassador in Washington to be also their Minister to Canada. To avoid any misunderstanding or subsequent difficulty on this point, it might be helpful if you would explain to the Turkish Ambassador that such an arrangement would be quite unacceptable to Canada.

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

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

TELEGRAM 2208

London, September 13, 1943

Appointment of Turkish Minister to Canada.

2. In accordance with the instructions contained in your telegram under reference, I have informed the Turkish Ambassador that the Canadian Government agree to the establishment of a Turkish Legation in Ottawa.

3. The Turkish Ambassador called today to express his pleasure at Canadian acceptance of Turkish Mission. At the same time he said that there was no foundation for press rumours referred to in your telegram under reference. He said he quite understood Canada's attitude in the matter.

4. Meanwhile, I have heard from the Foreign Office that the British Ambassador at Ankara reports that Mr. Nebil, who is described as "a former Minister" is to be appointed Turkish Minister to Canada.⁴¹

5. Foreign Office have no further information regarding Nebil's background, but they are telegraphing to British Minister, Ankara, to find out anything they can about him.

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⁴¹Sevki Alhan fut nommé ministre.

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