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From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

MOST SECRET

LONDON, December 29th, 1941.

CYPHER

No. 240

to Mr. [unclear]

No. 240. Most Secret. We are anxious to recall for service elsewhere the Fourth Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, one company of which has been for some time stationed in Bermuda, and we should be most grateful if His Majesty's Government in Canada would consider possibility of undertaking this commitment and sending a Company to Bermuda in the same way as they agreed to send garrison to Jamaica. If the Canadian Government find it impossible to send a Company for this purpose from one of the units now serving in Canada, it is suggested that they might be prepared to send one of the companies of the battalion in Jamaica. It is thought there would be no objection to this on strategical grounds.

Canadian Government may like to know we are hoping to obtain agreement of the United States Government to relieve our troops now in Aruba and Curacao which form the rest of battalion of Cameron Highlanders.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

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