

duties, and when official notification of his appointment to Ceylon will be requested.

Yours faithfully,
M.W. MACKENZIE

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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*
*Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

CONFIDENTIAL

[Ottawa], June 22, 1950

Mr. Howe telephoned me this morning about the appointment of a Trade and Commerce official to Ceylon. He said that they wished to appoint Mr. [Arthur Evan] Bryan, now in London, and to give him the title of "Commissioner" rather than "Trade Commissioner", so that he would be able to do whatever consular work was required. I told him that we thought Commissioner was the best title in the circumstances, but that we did not wish it to be understood by this appointment that Bryan was to become "our man", or a High Commissioner subsequently, if one was appointed on the political level. Mr. Howe said that they quite understood this and that Bryan would continue to be a Trade and Commerce official. I said that on this understanding, we had no objection to the appointment, and Mr. Howe indicated that they would be proceeding with it immediately.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au bureau du haut-commissaire au Pakistan*
*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Office of High Commissioner in Pakistan*

LETTER NO. B-388

[Ottawa], September 18, 1950

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE
AND COMMERCE IN CEYLON

Reference: My telegram No. 47 of June 26, 1950.†

The Ceylon Government informs us that it prefers the term "Trade Commissioner" to that of "Commissioner" because the term "Commissioner" is generally reserved for a representative of one country to another when the relation between the two countries is not one of equality. The Ceylon Government assures us that our representative as Trade Commissioner could exercise consular or even quasi-diplomatic functions in Ceylon, and states that a higher place is provided in the precedence table for Trade Commissioners who are the sole representatives in