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LES PREMIERS MOIS DE LA GUERRE
THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE WAR

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au secrétaire aux Dominions
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Dominions Secretary

TELEGRAM 63

Ottawa, September 3, 1939

IMMEDIATE. Following from Prime Minister for Prime Minister.

1. As you are aware the Canadian Parliament will meet on Thursday of this week.

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3. As regards military activities our primary task will naturally be the defence of Canada, which under present circumstances is a more pressing and urgent undertaking than it was in the last war. We are also considering to what extent we could undertake as necessity required and our means permitted action in the Western Atlantic region, particularly in Newfoundland and the West Indies. . .

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Le gouverneur de Terre-Neuve au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Governor of Newfoundland to Secretary of State for External Affairs

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

St. John's, September 3, 1939

With reference to your telegram September 2nd, No. 6,¹ proposed reconnaissance approved by Newfoundland Government, and all facilities will be afforded.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au gouverneur de Terre-Neuve
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Governor of Newfoundland

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM 7

Ottawa, September 5, 1939

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. The Canadian Government would like to have authority for Royal Canadian Air Force to fly over any part of Newfoundland and Labrador and to make use of airport facilities available should it be considered necessary to do so, and trust this will be agreeable to the Newfoundland Government.

A reply as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

¹ Document 35.