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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 1135

London, April 25, 1942

Your telegram No. 732 of April 14th. Position as outlined in your telegram under reference and previous correspondence has been explained to United Kingdom authorities. United Kingdom Government state that they realize that their decision to transfer protection of British interests to Switzerland has created difficulties for the Canadian Government, but as explained in Dominions Office telegram Circular D. 183 of April 1st, they had no alternative in view of pressure by the United States Government. United Kingdom authorities now feel that if the Canadian Government decide to transfer from the Argentine to Switzerland, United Kingdom Government would welcome this step. If on the other hand the Canadian Government feel that in view of their cordial relations with the Argentine they would prefer not to make any change, United Kingdom Government would not feel able to raise any objection.

The Foreign Secretary proposes to inform the Argentine Ambassador on April 28th of the decision regarding the protection of United Kingdom interests.

Meanwhile with reference to the last paragraph of your telegram No. 108 of April 14th to Dominions Office,⁵¹ the British Minister at Berne has been instructed to proceed as suggested therein.

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Le ministre en Argentine au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures

Minister in Argentina to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELEGRAM 103

Buenos Aires, May 2, 1942

Your telegram No. 95 of May 1st.[†]

Argentine Government have indicated no views on the question of Canadian transfer. I am of opinion they will not of their own accord express any wish to relinquish.

Official communiqué from Argentine Foreign Office published on April 30th states that transfer of interests of the "United Kingdom and Dominions" has been announced in London. Foreign Office immediately enquired of me by telephone to confirm if Canada was included, at the same time betrayed no feeling on the subject. They are awaiting our answer.

⁵¹Non reproduit. Voir l'avant-dernier paragraphe du document précédent.

⁵¹Not printed. See penultimate paragraph of preceding document.