PAGE BLURRED Page barbouillée

Poland

JAG

MOST SECRET

August 11, 1943

C221209

Prime Minister

The two despatches from General Vanier reporting 27 July, No.14 his calls upon General Sosnkowski, Commander in Chief of the 29 July, No.15 Armed Forces of Poland, and M. Romer, Foreign Minister of Poland, have one very interesting point in common.

The present state of Polish-Soviet relations is complicated by the evident difficulty in obtaining exit facilities from the U.S.S.R. for families of Polish soldiers in the Middle Bast and the United Kingdom, and also of several thousand orphans.

Both the Commander in Chief and the Foreign Minister stated to General Vanier that Mr. Churchill and Mr. Receivelt were both interested in this problem. Even if the numbers involved in these two categories were released, there would still remain over a quarter of a million Polish citizens in the Soviet Union.

You will, I think, be interested in the quite remarkable statement by the Commander in Chief in paragraph 5 of Despatch No. 14 regarding the post-war relations of Poland and the British Commonwealth of Mations.