

POOR PRINT  
Epreuve illisible

C 283288 <sup>DS UK</sup>

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,  
Earncliffe,  
OTTAWA.

950H/207

5th October, 1940.

MOST SECRET AND PERSONAL.

My dear Prime Minister,

I have received a telegram from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs asking to communicate to you for your most secret and personal information the following message:

"Information received from a very confidential but reliable source indicates that the excuses which have been made by the Vichy Government regarding the exchange of agents with us have been merely pretexts. Information is that the Germans forbade the return to this country of the proposed French agent Monsieur Paul Morand who left on a temporary visit to Vichy and consequently that the Vichy Government have been obliged to mark time with regard to the reception of our agent at Vichy."

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. Mackenzie King*  
*W. L. Mackenzie King*

The Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
Ottawa.