

## CHAPITRE 1/CHAPTER 1

# CONDUITE DES RELATIONS EXTÉRIEURES CONDUCT OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### PARTIE 1/PART 1

## NOMINATION DU GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL

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*Le Premier ministre au secrétaire privé du Roi*  
*Prime Minister to Private Secretary to the King*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, July 15, 1945

Would you please submit to The King the following communication to His Majesty from myself, Begins:

Sir: I present my humble duty to Your Majesty.

As Your Majesty is aware, the present Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone assumed office on June the 21st, 1940. Were His Excellency prepared to consider an extension of his term, I would be very pleased to recommend. Lord Athlone has, however, informed me that he does not think he should entertain the idea of having his term extended.

On account of the general elections having been fixed for June the 11th, I felt it my duty to be certain of the return of the present administration to power before making a recommendation to Your Majesty as to Lord Athlone's successor.

As there is now no doubt as to the continuance in office of the present administration, I have the honour to submit for Your Majesty's consideration the names of three gentlemen, each of whom I am sure would prove a worthy successor to Lord Athlone in the position of Governor General of Canada.

The names I have the honour to submit are the following:

1. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Airlie,<sup>1</sup>
2. Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander,
3. Mr. G. M. Trevelyan, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.

I have placed the names in alphabetical order not for the purpose of indicating order of preference but in order that before making a final recommendation to Your Majesty, I might receive from you, should you so

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<sup>1</sup>David Lyulph Gore Wolseley, Baron Ogilvy, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen; Representative Peer for Scotland; His Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Angus.