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

TELEGRAM B. 48

London, April 18, 1931

CLEAR THE LINE MESSAGE. SECRET. His Majesty's Ambassador at Madrid reports that urgent note has been received from the new Spanish Government requesting that recognition may be accorded to them as Provisional Government of Spain. His Majesty's Ambassador states that his French colleague has already received instructions from his Government to address note according such recognition to the Spanish Government forthwith. Reply is being sent today to Sir G. Grahame instructing him to acknowledge the receipt of note and to inform Spanish Government that in accordance with their desire he immediately took steps for communication of its contents to His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and the Dominions: that a definite reply will be sent to the Spanish Government as soon as possible and that in the meantime he is authorized to transact such day to day business as may be required on an unofficial basis.

So far as His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are concerned, we are prepared to inform the Spanish Government that we recognise them as Provisional Government of Spain. Question of full recognition will only arise later.

If a similar course were in accordance with the wishes of His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions, appropriate procedure would appear to be that note to the above effect should be addressed to the Spanish Government by His Majesty's Ambassador at Madrid in the names of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and the Irish Free State.

It will be appreciated that, especially in view of French Action, matter is extremely urgent and we should accordingly be grateful for expression of views of His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions, if possible by Monday, April 20th.

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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 61

Ottawa, April 18, 1931

STATE SECRET. Your telegram Circular B.48 of the 18th April. His Majesty's Government in Canada concur in proposal to accord recognition to Spanish Government as Provisional Government of Spain.