

COPY OF TELEGRAM

090185

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

CODE

LONDON.

August 20th 1926

SECRET.

My telegram of June 16th. Spanish Government have suggested that they might be able to justify their remaining in the League, without a permanent seat on the Council, were they given some form of compensation.

They have made the suggestion that the incorporation of Tangier in the Spanish zone or alternatively a Spanish mandate over Tangier might meet the case. The Spanish Government sounded H.M. Government first; they were informed that while the latter could not agree to the inclusion of Tangier in the Spanish zone, they would not be opposed to a Spanish mandate provided the French and Italian Governments had first consented. The Spanish Government are understood to be pursuing the matter with the French and Italian Governments, and H.M. Government have therefore thought it advisable to define their attitude to the French and Italian Governments, which has been done in the following terms - "H.M. Government are opposed to the incorporation of Tangier in the Spanish zone and they do not in any way support the Spanish demand for a mandate. But if the French and Italian Governments are prepared to accede to the request of the Spanish Government for a mandate, H.M. Government, in order to retain Spain in the League, will not oppose it on express conditions that the mandate be so drawn up as absolutely to prevent the fortification or the conversion of Tangier into a naval or military base".

French Government have also been informed that "if in default of the grant of a mandate Spanish Government can agree with the French Government on other satisfactions

MEIGHEN PAPERS, Series 4 (M.G. 26, I, Volume 149)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA