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*Mémoire du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Prime Minister*

[Ottawa,] September 2, 1943

I am attaching an extra copy of the High Commissioner's telegram No. 1437 of June 28<sup>1</sup> transmitting an enquiry from the Turkish Government as to whether the Canadian Government is agreeable to Turkey opening a Legation in Ottawa.

On August 4th we asked Mr. Massey to inform the Chargé d'Affaires of the Turkish Embassy in London that the Canadian Government appreciated the proposal of the Turkish Government and hoped to send a final answer soon. I see no particular advantage to be gained from the reception of a Turkish Minister here. At the same time I see no reasonable ground for objecting to their doing so. We have agreed to receive a Swedish Minister without question of reciprocity and presumably a Turkish representative would come on the same footing.

I think you had it in mind to mention the question to Mr. Churchill informally to see if he thought in the present stage of the war our acknowledgement of a friendly gesture from Turkey would be helpful. Did you have any opportunity to mention the matter to Mr. Churchill?<sup>39</sup>

An Ankara report in today's *New York Times* reports that Turkey will shortly appoint an Ambassador to Washington and would meanwhile accredit here the Turkish Ambassador in Washington. This report is obviously incorrect and the proposed arrangement would be quite unacceptable. Its currency, however, makes it desirable to clear up the question quickly by returning an early answer to the Turkish Government's enquiry.<sup>40</sup>

<sup>39</sup>Note marginale:

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<sup>40</sup>La note suivante était écrite sur ce mémorandum: <sup>40</sup>The following note was written on the memorandum:

It was agreed, I thought, that we would be prepared to have a Turkish Legation opened in Ottawa. Conditions similar to those with Sweden - advantages are, I think, similar in light of war situation. W. L. M[ACKENZIE] K[ING]