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Le secrétaire aux Dominions au Gouverneur général
Dominions Secretary to Governor General

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

London, May 23, 1927

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Please inform your Ministers, in connection with my telegrams as to Anglo-Soviet relations, we are advised that the termination of the Russian Trade Agreement of 1921 in relation to this country would not in the absence of intimation that the notes exchanged of July 3rd, 1922 are no longer regarded as governing the relations between Canada and Soviet, necessarily terminate the operation of the Agreement as between the Soviet Government and the Canadian Government. Of course the Soviet Government might act on the view that, under the Agreement to Canada as well as ourselves, it is relieved of any obligations.

With regard to the continuance of the Agreement as between Canada and Soviet, we should be grateful if your Ministers would consider what action they will take and as to their decision give us early information. Especially as the Soviet action which has led to the present situation is directed against the institutions of all parts of the British Empire, we should like to suggest for consideration that as regards the retention of Soviet representatives that this is a matter on which uniformity of action by the various members of the Commonwealth concerned would present great advantages. It is our impression that there are, under the Trade Agreement, at the moment, no representatives in Canada and in the Soviet Union, but if there should be and your Ministers would wish action taken with regard to them similar to that which we shall have to take, in order to facilitate departure, with regard to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Moscow and his Staff, at once please let us know.

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Le Gouverneur général au secrétaire aux Dominions
Governor General to Dominions Secretary

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

Ottawa, May 24, 1927

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. With reference to your telegrams of May 23rd regarding Anglo-Soviet relations. My advisers will consider in Cabinet meeting to-morrow the general situation as between Canada and the Soviet Union. There is no representative of Canada in the Soviet Union, but the Union has been continuously represented in Canada under the Agreement since 1924, and is now represented by L. F. Gerus as Official Agent. The despatches received do not indicate that any documents have been found in the Arcos raid which establish that the Official Agency in Canada has been a centre of espionage and subversive propaganda. If any evidence to this effect has been