

1058.

*Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au secrétaire d'État  
aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in Britain to Secretary of State  
for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 343

London, September 4, 1939

SECRET. Wing Commander Heakes, Canada Air Liaison Officer, tells me that he has reason to believe United Kingdom Government will be proposing to Government of Canada recruitment and training in Canada of large numbers of pilots, possibly two thousand per year, in addition to air crews and maintenance personnel. He has communicated direct with his own Headquarters on this subject. Should such a proposal be actually made and favourably considered by the Canadian Government, I believe that Air Ministry would accept a plan which would maintain Canadian personnel as a distinct Canadian Air Force in the field, avoiding loss of identity which would be the case of Canadians joining the Royal Air Force as individuals. I understand that such a condition is being laid down in Australia in connection with arrangements being made for recruitment for Royal Air Force in that Dominion. I would be glad to have any instructions or information that you may care to send me in connection with this matter.

1059.

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

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM B. 330

London, September 4, 1939

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. My circular despatch B. 71, August 18th. On account of present attitude of German Government, German Consuls de Carrière and unsalaried Consuls of enemy nationality are not at present being issued special passes permitting departure.

2. Answers to points in your telegram in last paragraph August 30th are therefore:

(1) Enemy Consuls would be interned;

(2) Though not entitled to diplomatic privilege German Consuls allowed to depart would be treated with every courtesy as to baggage examination;

(3) Special arrangements would not apply, and Consular employees of German nationality are being treated on same principles as ordinary enemy aliens;