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*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 25

London, January 21, 1936

CONFIDENTIAL. Your telegram No. 8, January 20th.¹ Dominions Office reply as follows with regard to first and second queries, Begins: Regarding practice as to decoration and draping of public buildings, we understand that no decision has yet been taken on this point on the present occasion, though it is understood that on the last occasion rule was laid down that there was to be no draping of public buildings, and it seems likely that this would be followed on the present occasion.

With regard to curtailment of ceremonies on the occasion of the first session of Parliament following the death of the Sovereign, while we have been unable to obtain any authoritative statement, it appears that the position is that no alteration in ceremonies would be likely to be made here except that Court rule as to mourning would be strictly observed. Ends.

Reference last query, I am informed that any Ambassadors or Ministers now at their stations abroad will remain there until after funeral, and in addition the Foreign Office are about to submit to the Secretary of State a Minute asking his approval of sending back to their stations prior to funeral any Ambassadors or Ministers now in the United Kingdom. The High Commissioners for South Africa and the Irish Free State do not expect their Ministers on the Continent to come to London for the funeral. I understand that it is proper for Ambassadors and Ministers abroad to take part in whatever local ceremonies may be held in foreign countries following the Sovereign's death.

In view of the above I hardly think it would be appropriate for Minister in Paris to come to London for funeral.

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*Mé morandum²**Memorandum²*

January 21, 1936

PROCEDURE REGARDING ACCESSION OF NEW KING

Attached are two telegrams of this date. The first indicates that an Accession Council will be held today to sign the Proclamation of His

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² O. D. Skelton au Premier ministre/O. D. Skelton to Prime Minister.