

ments and especially the United Kingdom in recognizing the Government of Czechoslovakia. It appears that no further action has been taken since October 23rd, 1940, when we recognized the *Provisional Czechoslovak Government*.²⁷ Since then the British Government has taken the action described in Circular M. 131 of July 2nd, 1941,[†] and now proposes to take further steps to place the Czechoslovak Government on the same status as the other Allied Governments.

I agree with Mr. Robertson's comment that we have been remiss in not taking action. An opportunity for catching up with our Allies in this respect will arise almost at once. Yesterday a telegram[†] was sent to London saying that we were prepared to announce immediately the establishment of a Czechoslovak Legation in Ottawa. This provides us with as good a chance of stating our attitude towards the Benes Government as will occur.

Before taking the matter up with the Under-Secretary, I should be glad to have your opinion on the legal position.²⁸

H. W[RONG]

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
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Secretary of State for External Affairs
to High Commissioner in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 1367

Ottawa, July 17, 1942

With reference to my immediately preceding telegram²⁹ and to Dominions Office Circulars D. 324 and 325 of July 8th, advantage was taken of announcement of appointment of Czechoslovak Minister to bring Canadian recognition of Czechoslovak Government into line with that accorded by United Kingdom. Our last formal act in this respect was recognition in October 1940 of the Provisional Czechoslovak Government. You might inform United Kingdom authorities of action now taken as set forth in paragraph 3 of my preceding telegram.

²⁷ Voir le volume 7, document 46.

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²⁸ La note suivante était écrite sur ce mémorandum:

²⁸ The following note was written on the memorandum:

I agree that it would be well to deal with this matter formally now. I do not share your feelings of remorse or those of the deputy. I do not see that we have lagged behind the U.K. in any way.
J. E. R[EAD]

²⁹ Le document suivant. L'ordre des télégrammes fut renversé.

²⁹ The following document. The telegrams were sent in reverse order.