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

TELEGRAM 232

London, November 9, 1942

My telegram Circular D. 452 of November 9th.[†]

We are asking Swiss Government to take charge of our interests in Vichy France. Swiss Government are being approached as requested in your telegram No. 243 of November 8th.⁴⁶

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Le ministre aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Minister in United States to Secretary of State for External Affairs

TELETYPE WA-3381

Washington, November 10, 1942

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your EX-2837 of November 8, 1942 concerning transfer of protection of Canadian interests from the United States to Switzerland in non-occupied France. In accordance with your instructions a note was taken by hand to the Special Division this morning, the text of which reads as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that in view of the termination of diplomatic relations between the United States and Vichy, the Canadian Government have asked the British Minister at Berne to enquire whether Switzerland would agree to undertake the responsibility of protecting Canadian nationals and Canadian interests in non-occupied France. As in the past it is presumed that the United States Chargé d'Affaires at Vichy, France will have transferred provisionally the protection of our interests to his Swiss colleague there. In bringing this information to your attention I have been requested by the Canadian Government to express their gratitude and deep appreciation for the services rendered in the protection of Canadian nationals and Canadian interests in non-occupied France since the summer of 1940.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. Signed, Leighton McCarthy." Ends.

You will note from the concluding paragraph that the thanks of the Canadian Government was expressed for services rendered in the protection of Canadian nationals and Canadian interests in non-occupied France and that no mention of French territories was made.

In view of the Déclaration made by President Roosevelt and by the Chief of the United States forces which landed in North Africa to the effect that their coming was to drive away the invader, it is felt there is a great possibility of the United States Consulates remaining open in North Africa. The breaking of

⁴⁶Non reproduit. Voir le document précédent pour le texte de ce télégramme.

⁴⁶Not printed. See preceding document for text of this telegram.