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L'ambassadeur aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures

Ambassador in United States to Secretary of State for External Affairs

DESPATCH 99

Washington, January 14, 1944

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to previous correspondence concerning the meetings of the Inter-departmental Committee on Greek Relief, ending with my despatch No. 90 of January 13th⁺ forwarding the Minutes of the last meeting of that Committee held on January 10th, 1944.⁺

At that meeting the question of the continuation of the present Greek relief scheme under the supervision of the Swedish Government following the partial or total liberation of Greece from Axis occupation was raised. One of the two members of the Canadian Embassy attending the meeting asked how much correspondence had been exchanged on this matter, and between what countries. There was a moment of uneasiness when the British Representatives stated that early in November the matter had been taken up with the State Department, but the Canadian Embassy had not been kept informed. Our interest in this matter was readily recognized by all those present, and the State Department has now made available to the Embassy copies of certain correspondence with the Hon. Leo T. Crowley, Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration, and with the Secretary of State and the British Embassy. The documents (copies attached) are as follows:

Telegram No. 7311, from Mr. Eden to Sir R. Campbell dated October 26, 1943.⁺

Letter to Mr. Crowley, dated December 7, 1943, from Mr. Hull.⁺

Reply of Mr. Crowley dated December 18, 1943.⁺

The reply from the Secretary of War dated December 18th,[†] which was marked secret, was not made available, but a member of the Embassy read it. It merely stated that the proposals put forward by the Secretary of State were agreeable to the War Department, subject, of course, to military necessities on the spot.

Memorandum from the State Department to the British Embassy, dated January 7, 1944, presumably.[†]

Letter from the Secretary of State to the Secretary of War, dated January 7, 1944.⁺

Letter to Mr. Crowley from Mr. Hull, dated January 7.⁺