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The Department of External Affairs released today the texts of telegrams exchanged between Mahmoud Muntasser, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Libya, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs by which recognition of the United Kingdom of Libya, proclaimed on December 24 to be a free, sovereign and independent state, was accorded by the Canadian Government.

The texts of the messages were as follows:

"To the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canada.

Have honour inform you that in accordance resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted in pursuance of Annex XI, paragraph 3, of the Treaty of Peace with Italy, 1947, Libya was, on 24 December, 1951, declared a free and independent sovereign state as the United Kingdom of Libya. It is a great pleasure for me to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty King Mohamed Idriss el Mahdi es Senussi has today acceded to the throne of the United Kingdom of Libya. King's Proclamation of this memorable event is being forwarded by airmail. I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you the assurance of my highest esteem.

Mahmoud Muntasser, Prime Minister and
Foreign Minister.

Tripoli, Libya,
December 25, 1951.

"To His Excellency Mahmoud. Muntasser, Prime
Minister and Foreign Minister, Tripoli, Libya.

I desire to express on behalf of the Government of Canada and also personally the gratification with which Your Excellency's telegram announcing the establishment of the United Kingdom of Libya was received. I should be grateful if you would convey to His Majesty King Mohamed Idriss el Mahdi es Senussi the

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felicitations of the Government of Canada on his accession to the throne and I shall look forward to receiving the text of His Majesty's proclamation on this historic occasion. I am sure that all Canadians share the pleasure of their government in welcoming the United Kingdom of Libya to its place among the free, independent and sovereign nations of the world.

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Ottawa,
January 7, 1952.'

"To the Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Canada.

On behalf of the government and people of Libya I thank Your Excellency and through you all Canadians for their kind congratulations and welcoming of the birth of the United Kingdom of Libya. I avail myself of this opportunity to express to Your Excellency my best wishes for your well being.

Mahmoud Muntasser, Prime Minister and
Foreign Minister.

Tripoli, Libya,
January 8, 1952."
