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TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

CYPHER

TELETYPE

WA-743

WASHINGTON, February 12th, 1946.

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WA-743. My WA-637 February 6th, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. State Department are anxious to be informed of Canadian policy as to disposal of Japanese official premises and documents and I would appreciate a reply to my reference teletype as soon as possible.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR.

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TELETYPE

From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

FEB 6 1946

CYPHER

TELETYPE

WA-637

WASHINGTON, February 6th, 1946.

WA-637. Your EX-381 February 5th, protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Thank you for your information that the Swiss Government is no longer a Protecting Power for Japanese interests in Canada.

You will recall that in August of last year I was asked by the State Department to supply any available information as to Canadian policy in respect to Japanese official property and documents in Canada (please see my WA-4475 August 24th and your reply EX-3302 of September 12th). As the Swiss are no longer the Protecting Power I would now appreciate any information as to the disposal of Japanese official premises and documents.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

J.H.

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Ottawa, February 5, 1946.

Dear Mr. Maag,

You have probably already been informed by the Swiss Consul General that, on instructions from his Government, he has given up the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. There is therefore no longer a Protecting Power for Japanese interests in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. Robertson

Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

E.L. Maag, Esq.,
Delegate in Canada of the
International Red Cross Committee,
1040 Sun Life Building,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

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FM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Ottawa, February 5, 1946.

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NO. EX-381

Your WA-4764, September 13th, 1945, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Swiss Government has decided to give up the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. There is therefore no ~~(not)~~ longer a Protecting Power.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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FM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, LONDON

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, February 5, 1946.

CYPHER

NO. 21

Your telegram No. 194 of September 14th,1945, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Swiss Government has decided to give up the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. There is therefore no (no) Protecting Power at present.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ~~DOMINION~~ EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Ottawa, February 5, 1946.

TO: The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O t t a w a.

I should like to refer to my letter of September 12, 1945, regarding the assumption by the Swiss Government of the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

The Swiss Government has now decided to give up the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. There is therefore no longer a Protecting Power for Japanese interests in Canada.

The Delegate in Canada of the International Committee of the Red Cross will of course continue to interest himself in Japanese civilians in this country. His importance to the Japanese will no doubt be increased by the fact that there is no longer a Protecting Power.

I presume that you will inform the Japanese committees at the various settlements of the action taken by the Swiss Government.

N. A. Robertson

Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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File No. 2966-40c
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Ottawa, February 5th, 1946.

TO: The Director, Prisoners of War,
Department of National Defence (Army),
Ottawa, Ontario

I enclose a letter from the Consul General of Switzerland to PW NABETA, Spokesman at Camp 101, in which the latter is informed that the Swiss Government has ceased to represent Japanese interests in Canada.

I should be obliged if you would have this letter delivered to the Spokesman.

"T.W.L. MacDermot"
for Under-Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

LADS/CC

REFER: D/PW

Done
FEB 5 - 1946
C.C.

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Ottawa, February 5th, 1946.

TO: The Deputy Minister of National Defence (Army),
Ottawa, Ontario.

I enclose copy of note No. 27/1 D of January 23rd, from the Consul General of Switzerland in which he informs the Government of Canada that the Swiss Government will relinquish responsibility for protection of Japanese interests in Canada upon receipt of acknowledgment of this note.

The acknowledgment has gone forward.

"T. W. L. MacDermot"
for Under-Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

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Ottawa, February 5th, 1946.

NO. J 25

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of January 31st, enclosing a letter addressed to the Japanese Spokesman at Internment Camp 101, Angler, Ontario.

I have passed this letter to the appropriate military authorities for delivery to the Spokesman.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

J.W.L. MacDermott
for Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

The Consul General of Switzerland,
in charge of Japanese interests,
Sun Life Building,
Montreal, Que.

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA
MONTREAL

May 16, 1945.

No. 536

Dear Mr. Rive,

As you are already aware from my Note No. 527 of May 15th, I have received cable instructions from my Government to transfer the protection of Japanese interests to His Excellency the Swedish Minister in Canada.

In relation with this I now recall that on the occasion of my visit to the Angler Internment Camp on March 23, 24 and 25, 1945, I took some films, which, at that time I was told, would be sent by the Camp authorities to the Department at Ottawa for developing, printing and examination.

Now that I am no longer the representative of the Protecting Power for Japanese interests in Canada, I am wondering whether I could receive several prints from the above rolls for preservation in my private album. I should also like to obtain, if permissible, prints of the snapshot that I made of the Canadian Camp officers, to whom I promised to send pictures of them.

Thanking you in advance for any help that you may be able to give me in this matter and with best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Count of Morales

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Tel. Col. Pearson
he has pictures - is willing to turn them over - will deliver them personally tomorrow.
18 5/45 DB

Alfred Rive, Esquire,
Department of External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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~~Legal Division~~ ~~Mr. Norman~~
~~Special Division~~
~~To Sec.~~

Ottawa, May 16th, 1945.

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NO. 44

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your note No. 527 of May 15th, in which you inform me that you have been instructed to turn over to the Swedish Minister in Canada all matters pertaining to the protection of Japanese interests in this country.

The Canadian Government will be pleased to agree to this arrangement, and as soon as a formal communication on the subject is received from the Swedish Minister, I shall inform you accordingly.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

"J. E. Read"

for Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

The Consul General of Spain in Canada,
Sun Life Building,
Montreal, Que.

CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA

MONTREAL

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May 15, 1945.

Mr. Read
~~Diplomatic Division~~
~~Third Pol. Division~~
~~Legal Division~~
~~Special Division~~
To all.

No. 527

Sir,

With reference to my note No. 379 of March 26th, I have the honour to inform you that I am in receipt of a cable from the Spanish Government, instructing me to turn over to His Excellency the Swedish Minister in Canada all that is related to the protection of Japanese interests in this country, of which this Consulate General was in charge since January of 1942 until a few weeks ago.

I should be very grateful if you would be good enough to advise me if this arrangement is agreeable to the Government of Canada.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Count of Morales

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Norman A. Robertson, Esquire,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

CANADIAN EMBASSY
AMBASSADE DU CANADA

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By Diplomatic Bag

No. 128

Rio de Janeiro, 14th May, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that on the 10th May the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil announced that the diplomatic and consular representation of Sweden had, with the acquiescence of the Brazilian Government, assumed the protection of Japanese interests in Brazil. The previous protecting power was Spain.

2. On the 11th of May the Foreign Office announced that on the 9th of May it had informed the Spanish Embassy that, in view of the unconditional surrender of Germany to the United Nations, it considered that the protection which the Spanish Government, through the intermediary of their diplomatic and consular representation had conceded to German interests in Brazil had come to an end, and requesting at the same time that the Archives of the former German Embassy in Rio de Janeiro be turned over to the Foreign Office as well as the property where the Embassy was situated.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

E. B. Rogers
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

The Right Honourable,
The Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
OTTAWA - Canada.

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

DÉLEGATION AU CANADA

ERNEST L. MAAG
DELEGATE

MONTREAL, May 10,1945.
1040 SUN LIFE BUILDING

Department of External Affairs,
Special Division,
O t t a w a.

Sirs,

I have the honour to bring to your attention a request which the Spokesman for Japanese Nationals at New Denver, B.C., has made to me regarding my field of activity on behalf of Japanese Nationals in Canada. The letter reads as follows:

> "As you may already be aware of the fact, The Consulate-
> "General of Spain, has notified most of the Japanese Nation-
> "als Representatives of termination of its Action as our Pro-
> "tecting Power, which leaves us without any means of Communi-
> "cation with Japanese Government.
> "Your action on behalf of the Red Cross was deeply appreciated,
> "and at this juncture, we are left with no other choice but to
> "depend on your good offices for future protection. As we appre-
> "ciate your limited field of activities as a Delegate of Interna-
> "tional Red Cross, and do not wish to jeopardize your position,
> "by requesting matters out of your jurisdiction, it will greatly
> "help us if you can define as far as possible, the matters which
> "will be permissible for us to lay before your Offices.
> "We would appreciate greatly your kind attention to this matter
> Japanese Nationals Spokesman"

I would greatly appreciate receiving from you an outline of the official policy of the Canadian Government regarding this matter.

Accept, Sirs, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

E. L. Maag

Delegate in Canada of the
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

M/LP.

CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA
MONTREAL

May 6, 1945.

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Dear Mr. Rive,

I am writing to thank you very much for your letter of May 26th, in which you kindly enclosed several prints of snapshots taken at the Angler Internment Camp.

May I impose further upon your kindness to ask if you would be good enough to arrange so that an appropriate number of prints of the Canadian Camp officers may be forwarded to these gentlemen, to whom I am grateful for the courtesy and assistance accorded me during my visit, and to whom I promised to send some prints.

Thanking you again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Count of Morales

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Alfred Rive, Esquire,
Department of External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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April 12, 1945.

Five copies - Treasury Department Foreign Funds Control, Amendment of April 10, 1945, to General Ruling No. 11, under Executive Order No. 8389, of the Trading with the Enemy Act.

Five copies - Treasury Department Foreign Funds Control, Public Circular No. 27, of April 10, 1945, re Status under the Order of Syria and Lebanon and nationals thereof.

FORWARDED WITH THE COMPLIMENTS
OF THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR

H.F. Angus, Esq.,
Dept. of External Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dept. of External Affairs
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Treasury Department
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL
April 10, 1945

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL RULING NO. 11
UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389, AS AMENDED, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9193, SECTIONS 3(a) AND 5(b) OF THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST WAR POWERS ACT, 1941, RELATING TO FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL.*

General Ruling No. 11 is hereby amended by deleting the following from paragraph (4)(b)(ii) of such general ruling:

Luxembourg;

HERBERT E. GASTON
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

* Appendix A; - Sec. 3(a), 40 Stat. 412; Sec. 5(b), 40 Stat. 415 and 966; Sec. 2, 48 Stat. 1; 54 Stat. 179; 55 Stat. 838; Ex. Order 8389, April 10, 1940, as amended by Ex. Order 8785, June 14, 1941, Ex. Order 8832, July 26, 1941, Ex. Order 8963, Dec. 9, 1941, and Ex. Order 8998, Dec. 26, 1941; Ex. Order 9193, July 6, 1942; Regulations, April 10, 1940, as amended June 14, 1941, and July 26, 1941.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Washington

FOR RELEASE, MORNING NEWSPAPERS
Tuesday, April 10, 1945

Press Service
No. 45-74

The restrictions imposed by General Ruling No. 11 on commercial and business communication with Luxembourg were lifted today by the Treasury Department. This action coincided with the restoration of postal service with Luxembourg; however, telecommunications are not yet available.

Treasury licenses no longer are required for concerns in the United States and Luxembourg to exchange financial and commercial information and to establish business contacts. Banks, brokerage houses, and other financial institutions may advise their customers of the status of their accounts, and bank statements, financial records, and commercial reports may freely be solicited or furnished. Proxies may be solicited and signature cards obtained.

Communications to Luxembourg which constitute or contain authorizations or instructions to effect financial and property transactions will continue to require Treasury license. Treasury officials called attention to General License No. 89, which authorizes the transmission of powers of attorney relating to estate proceedings and the maintenance, preservation, and management of real estate and tangible personal property.

As soon as the necessary banking arrangements can be made, support remittances up to $500 per month may be sent to individuals in Luxembourg under General Licenses Nos. 32 and 33. The remittances must be effected through banking channels, and currency, money orders, checks or drafts cannot be used for this purpose since their transmission continues to be prohibited.

The Treasury Department is prepared, in appropriate cases, to license withdrawals from blocked accounts in this country of Luxembourg nationals to pay claims against persons in Luxembourg. In general an application should be supported by a payment instruction or other acknowledgment by the debtor executed after April 10, 1945. If an application is based on a court judgment, evidence should be submitted that the debtor has received actual notice of the proceedings and has had a reasonable opportunity to appear.

Today's action by the Treasury was in the form of an amendment to General Ruling No. 11 removing Luxembourg from the category of "enemy territory". This action does not affect the status of Luxembourg assets in the United States.

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Treasury Department
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL
April 10, 1945

PUBLIC CIRCULAR NO. 27
UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389, AS AMENDED, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9193, SECTIONS 3(a) AND 5(b) OF THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST WAR POWERS ACT, 1941, RELATING TO FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL.*

Status under the Order of Syria and Lebanon and nationals thereof.

For the purpose of administering the Order and complying with the provisions thereof:

(a) Syria and Lebanon shall not be deemed to be blocked countries;

(b) Nationals of Syria and Lebanon shall not be deemed to be nationals of a blocked country solely by reason of the fact that Syria and Lebanon heretofore were regarded as mandates of a blocked country.

HERBERT E. GASTON
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

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* Appendix B; - Sec. 3(a), 40 Stat. 412; Sec. 5(b), 40 Stat. 415 and 966; Sec. 2, 48 Stat. 1; 54 Stat. 179; 55 Stat. 838; Ex. Order 8389, April 10, 1940, as amended by Ex. Order 8785, June 14, 1941, Ex. Order 8832, July 26, 1941, Ex. Order 8963, Dec. 9, 1941, and Ex. Order 8998, Dec. 26, 1941; Ex. Order 9193, July 6, 1942; Regulations, April 10, 1940, as amended June 14, 1941, and July 26, 1941.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, LONDON

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, February 5, 1946.

CYPHER

NO. 330

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My telegram No. 2111, September 12, 1945, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. The Swiss Government has decided to give up the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. There is therefore no (no) Protecting Power.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Washington, 6 D.C.

April 5, 1945

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No. 897

To the Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Ottawa.

I transmit herewith 3 copies of the document(s) listed below.

Special Courier

(For the Minister)
Ambassador

DOCUMENTS AND DATE	SUBJECT
Department of State Press Release, No.295, April 4, 1945,	Exchange of notes between Department of State and Spanish Embassy regarding latter's relinquishment of the representation of Japanese interests in the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FOR THE PRESS

APRIL 4, 1945
No. 295

The following is an exchange of notes between the Department of State and the Spanish Embassy regarding the latter's relinquishment of the representation of Japanese interests in the United States:

"March 27, 1945

"The Spanish Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to duly advise, that on Saturday, March 24th the 'Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores' in Madrid notified this Embassy by telegraphic Circular that all activity was to be suspended in relation to the Protection of Japanese interests in the United States.

"The above 'Ministerio' also adds in the Circular that it will forward by telegraph the name of the nation who in the future is to have charge of this Protection.

"The Spanish Embassy wishes to inform the Department of State that the above orders have been complied with, and all the respective Spanish Consulates in the United States have been advised to do the same.

"Department of State
"Washington, D. C."

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"March 30, 1945

"Excellency:

"I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's note no. 165 of December 15, 1941 informing the Department that the Japanese Government had requested the Spanish Government to assume the representation of Japanese interests in the United States and expressing the hope that such representation would be agreeable to this Givernment. I also refer to a note dated December 17, 1941 in which the Government of the United States expressed its agreement to the representation by the Spanish Government of Japanese interests in the United States.

"I now perceive that according to the Embassy's memorandum no. 42 (Ex. 80.000) of March 27, 1945 the Embassy has upon instructions from the Spanish Government suspended all activity in relation to the representation of Japanese interests in the United States. I also note that all Spanish Consulates in the United States have been similarly instructed and that the Embassy will be informed at a later date regarding the name of the Government which in the future will have charge of such representation.

"The Department of State is informing the appropriate agencies of the United States Government accordingly of the relinquishment by the Spanish Embassy of the representation of Japanese interests in the United States.

"Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

"For the Secretary of State:
"JULIUS C. HOLMES

"His Excellency
"Señor Don Juan Francisco de Cárdenas,
"Ambassador of Spain."

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File No. 2966-40C

Ottawa, April 4th, 1945.

To: Colonel H. N. Streight, Director, Prisoners of War, Department of National Defence (Army), Ottawa.

Subject: Protection of Japanese Interests in Canada.
Your File No. HQS 7236-91-3 PW(B).

Replying to your letter of March 30th, Mr. Rive has asked me to send you a copy of a note to various Government Departments from the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, dated March 27th, relative to the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. The copy is enclosed.

E. A. Cummings

Secretary, Special Division.

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Ottawa, April 2nd, 1945.

My dear Count,

I thank you for your letter of March 28th, No. 387, and particularly for your kind remarks. Your understanding and goodwill have helped greatly in the handling of difficult, and sometimes trying, questions concerning Japanese interests in Canada. I hope we shall again have occasion to work together on some more congenial matter.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

ALFRED RIVE

Counsellor.

The Count of Morales,
Consul General of Spain,
Montreal, P.Q.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE No. HQS 7236-91-3 PW(B).

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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The Department of External Affairs,
Special Section, PW,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

In one of the Ottawa papers recently there appeared an article which stated that the Government of Spain had discontinued acting as the Protecting Power for Japanese Interests.

As this Department is in receipt of a request from the Spanish Consul General as Representative of the Protecting Power for Japanese Interests, may information be forwarded whether the above-quoted article is one of fact.

H.W. Pearson

(H. N. Streight),
Colonel,
Director, Prisoners of War.

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA
MONTREAL

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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March 28, 1945.

No. 386

Sir,

With reference to my note No. 379 of March 26th, I have the honour to express to you my profound gratitude for the courtesy and ready assistance that you have been good enough to accord me in my duties while I had the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Count of Morales

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Norman A. Robertson, Esquire,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA
MONTREAL

March 28, 1945.

No. 387

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Dear Mr. Rive,

I am writing to inform you that, as was stated in my telegram of March 26th, I have ceased in my duties as representative of the Protecting Power in Canada of Japanese interests.

I should like to thank you heartily for the courtesy, ready co-operation and cordial assistance that you have always been good enough to favour me with in connection with the above work. I should wish, in particular, to express my appreciation for your part in arranging my recent visit to Internment Camp 101 at Angler, Ontario. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Count of Morales

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Alfred Rive, Esquire,
Department of External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
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No. J 42

Ottawa, March 27th, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your telegram of March 26th, which reads as follows:

"Under cable instructions from my Government this Consulate General has ceased today as Protecting Power for Japanese interests in Canada Stop Am awaiting instructions from Madrid for handing over this protection."

Your cooperation with this Department as representative for the Protecting Power for Japanese interests has been appreciated.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Consul General of Spain,
Montreal, P.Q.

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W M ARMSTRONG, GENERAL MANAGER
TORONTO

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UNDER CABLE INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT THIS CONSULATE GENERAL HAS CEASED TODAY AS PROTECTING POWER FOR JAPANESE INTERESTS IN CANADA STOP AM AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM MADRID FOR HANDING OVER THIS PROTECTION=

MORALES CONSUL GENERAL OF SPAIN.

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FORM 6122

CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA

MONTREAL

Protecciones
No.379

Rector General R
Legal Adviser
Mr Wrong
Mr Glazebrook
Mr Burgess

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
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Sub. Chron Filed

March 26th, 1945

L Beaudry
Mr Morales
to file

Sent to Special 26/3/45.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm the telegram I sent you this morning upon arrival from my visit of inspection at Angler, Ont.:

"Under cable instructions from my Government this Consulate General has ceased today as Protecting Power for Japanese interests in Canada stop Am awaiting instructions from Madrid for handing over this protection"

I also quote the following telegram which I received from my Government:

"Urgent you discontinue all activities protection Japanese interests, proceeding liquidation of same and communicating balance funds as soon as possible. When Japan advises what nation in future will take charge of that protection, we will so advise you by wire"

As soon as I receive additional information in the above matter, I will again communicate with you.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Count of Morales

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Norman A. Robertson, Esquire,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Consulate General of Switzerland
in Canada

Montreal, P. Q.,
January 31, 1946.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a letter addressed to the Japanese Spokesman at Internment Camp 101, Angler, Ontario, with the request that you would be good enough to transmit the letter to its addressee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul General of Switzerland

The Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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File No. 2966-40C

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Ottawa, March 27th, 1945.

To: The Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa.

Subject: Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

The Consul General of Spain informs us that, as from March 26th, the Government of Spain has ceased as Protecting Power for Japanese interests, and that he has been instructed to take no further action with regard to the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Alfred Rive

for the Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

Similar letters to:

Director of Immigration, Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.
The Deputy Minister,
Department of National Defence, Army
" " " Navy
" " " Air
Department of Justice
The Custodian of Enemy Property, Dept. of Secretary of State, Ottawa.
The Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa.
The Secretary, Foreign Exchange Control Board, Ottawa.

CANADA

QUOTE NO. HQS 8118-8J

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Mr. Woodsworth
Mr. Wright

OTTAWA, CANADA, March 3, 1942.

SECRET.

T. A. Stone, Esq.,
Department of External Affairs,
OTTAWA.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
File No. 2966-40c
Sub. 5 Chron. 16 Encl.

Dear Mr. Stone,

For your information, I am sending you herewith a transcription of a long distance conversation on March 1st between Consul General Schwartz and the Japanese Residency, Ottawa, It will be noted that Schwartz is to be in Ottawa for three or four days.

Yours very truly,

CHIEF TELEGRAPH CENSOR.

Nat. Def. A-168-A
500M—6-41 (733)
H.Q. 1772-39-376

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ARMY

CABLE TELEGRAPH TELEPHONE CENSORSHIP

TELEPHONE INTERCEPTION

Incoming Call..... Transit..... Outgoing Call XX

Started at time 15.59 hrs. E.D.T. Date March 1,1942.

Finished at time 16.09 hrs. E.D.T. Date March 1,1942.

From place Montreal , Que.

Name Mr. Schwartz - Spanish Consul General

'Phone PL. 1357

Address Sun Life Building

To place Ottawa, Ont.

Name Japanese Consul -

'Phone 4-0853 (Residence)

Address 192 Daly Street

Language used English

Type of call: Business XX Personal.....

Particulars See attached.

A.G.C.

Taken by Chas. E. Buchanan

100M--6-41 (753)

M MONTREAL, QUE. (MR. SCHWARTZ) TO OTTAWA, ONT. (JAPANESE CONSUL)

O.- Hello

M.- Here is Schwartz again?

O.- Hello

M.- Schwartz, Spanish Consul General again.

O.- Oh yes.

M.- I just sent to the Under Secretary of External Affairs.

O.- Yes.

M.- The following wire:

O .- Yes.

M.- From Department of External Affairs, Madrid.

O.- Yes.

M.- I received to-day following instructions. Stop Inform Japanese Diplomat.

O.- Yes.

M.- Consul. Can go United States American

O.- Huh huh.

M.- Want obtain safe conduct.

O.- Huh huh.

M.- With acception or exception(?)

O.- With what?

M.- With exception Consul Kawaski, Vancouver.

O.- Huh huh.

M.- Appointed Portugal.

O.- Oh I see.

M.- And Chancellor KATO, Vancouver appointed FRANCE.

O.- Huh huh.

M.- Same thing requested safeconduct from United States Government.

O.- Huh huh.

M.- Stop.

O.- Huh huh.

M.- Your Excellence, that means must claim ? Government with Official Japanese Government based November 6 and 7, kind of proposition exchanged and sent before United States Government.

O.- Huh huh.

STOP. For settlement matters I will arrive Ottawa next Tuesday.

Next Tuesday.

M.- That's it.

M.- Instead of tomorrow because I want finish here before going to Ottawa, because I'm going to send this telegram to KAWASKI.

O.- I see.

M.- Before, YOu know because I receive a letter from him the other day saying that he has money to pay the rent of the offices there.

O.- Yes.

M.- And to pay to the telegram ? that we had.

O.- Yes.

M.- So I want tomorrow send to him a wire saying to pay the office and to pay the charge, telegraph Star before he starts. I don't think you shall start through here before a week.

O.- Huh huh.

M.- So you have plenty of time.

O.- Oh I see.

M.- I arrange everything.

O.- Yes.

M.- And my compliments might complete it anyhow (?)

O.- Yes. Oh that's good.

M.- And money, nothing about the money.

O.- Nothing about the money.

M.- Nothing about the money, No. nothing at all.

O.-I see.

M.- You see, you please make for me a account of our debts of whatever you want to do after the arrival, the money arrives.

O.- Yes. Yes.

M.- You see.

O.- Yes.

M.- You may make me something about that.

O.- Oh yes I have it already.

M.- You have already. That's very nice.

O.- Well are you coming not tomorrow?

M.- No I remain here tomorrow because I want to finish here before to go to Ottawa.

O.- Oh I see. I see.

M.- You see.

O.- Now then you will be here Tuesday?

M.- Tuesday at noon.

O.- At noon?

M.- Yes, I start from here 8.15 and arrive there about noon.

O.- Yes I see.

M.- So I am to see Mr. Beaudry and Mr. Robertson (?)

O.- Yes.

M.- Before I see you.

O.- I see.

M.- I suppose that everything is going underway (Not clear)

O.- Yes.

M.- So I suppose in a week you leave.

O.- Yes I see.

M.- So my compliments to Mrs. ? that I was so glad she is moving.

O.- Well thank you very much.

M.- Well I can't go tomorrow but I go Tuesday.

O.- But Mr. Schwartz.

M.- Yes.

O.- Would you be good enough to send a telegram to the Minister in Madrid.

M.- Yes.

O.- Asking for the money.

M.- For the money?

O.- Yes.

M.- We shall see and hear about that afterwards you see, I'm going to insist it...

O.- Yes, have to have that, you know we are short of money so we would like to have some money before we leave here.

M.- We' have plenty of time. Another week you know.

O.- Yes well we have a week but you know these days, even ten after ? is very late.

M.- Yes yes. What do you want, that I send a cable for you?

O.- Yes, well you send a telegram to Madrid asking, ? ? ? ? ? to send the money immediately.

M.- Right. I goto do that .

O.- Yes please.

M.- Thank you.

O.- And then we expect you Tuesday and not tomofrow.

M. Not tomorrow

O.- I see.

M.- Because I want to finish here.

O.- Yes I quite understand that. I quite understand that.

M.- Yes.

O.- So would you come to have luncheon with us?

M.- Well I shall do my best you know, I shall do my best, I'll give you a call as soon as I arrive.

O.- But in any case you must have luncheon with someone here you see.

M.- Of course, of course.

O.- You can come to luncheon ~~xxxxxxx~~ and that same time.

M.- Yes. I am going to be there two or three days .

O.- Oh I see.

M.- I won't finish.

O.- In that case I will make it Wednesday.

M.- Well that will be alright.

O.- Yes.

M.- Because I am going to be there just to finish all the matter.

O.- Yes alright alright. You know about the money.

M.- Yes.

O.- Well will you be good enough to send the telegram.

M.- Yes I will, I go and send a cable.now.

O.- Yes.

M.- Because you see I take care to remain here tomorrow just to finish here.

O.- Yes I agree.

M.- You see I am just at the end, ? ? ? ? so I must sign all my things before I go up to Ottawa.

O.- That's right.

M.- Because I want to be two or three or four ~~four~~ days, and time that will be enough.for ?

O.- That's right.

M.- Eh?

O.- Right.

M.- I don't know, if I may say my compliments but anyhow you are living.

O.- Oh yes, yes, well thank you very much.

M.- Good-bye.

O.- Good-bye.

AVR/ff

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
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February 26, 1942.

Dear Mr. Rasminsky:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 24, your file LR, relating to the application of the Instituto Espanol de Moneda Extranjera, Madrid, Spain, to transfer $30,800 Canadian, to their credit, from the Royal Bank of Canada at Montreal to the Consul General of Spain, Montreal.

This Department has been informed by the Consul General of Spain representing Japanese interests that he is receiving $30,000 to meet expenses incurred by him in the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. There seems no reason to doubt that his statement refers to the proposed transfer reported in your letter. As I understand that this credit was created by the sale of foreign exchange purchased by the Board, I see no reason for refusing the application.

May I suggest that you consult either Mr. Turk or Mr. Matthews of the Foreign Exchange Control Board who are members of the Committee on Assistance to Distressed Nationals and are familiar with the circumstances under which it was found necessary to inform the Swiss Consul General representing German interests, that the funds for his use in the protection of German interests in Canada must be acquired by the sale of free foreign exchange through an authorized dealer.

The above-mentioned decision with regard to protection of funds for German interests was taken because the German Government, on the one hand, required us to provide free United States dollars to meet expenses for the protection of Canadian interests in Germany, but on the other attempted to use blocked Canadian dollars to meet ~~our~~ expenses in Canada. I do not think that the two cases are parallel.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Rive

Alfred Rive
FIRST SECRETARY

L. Rasminsky, Esq.,
Assistant to the Chairman,
The Foreign Exchange Control
Board,
Ottawa, Canada.

Foreign Exchange Control Board

Ottawa, February 24, 1942

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE GIVE THIS REFERENCE

LR

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
File No. 2966-40C
Sub. 6

Alfred Rive, Esq.,
Department of External Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Rive,

Referring to our conversation of yesterday regarding the application of Instituto Espanol de Moneda Extranjera, Madrid, Spain, to transfer $30,800 Canadian now lying to their credit at the Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, to the Consul General of Spain, Montreal, for Consular affairs, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter of February 21st from Mr. J. L. Lawson, Supervisor of Banking Arrangements, the Royal Bank of Canada, and copy of our reply of today.

As there is some reason to believe that these funds will be used by the Spanish Consul General in the capacity of protecting power for Japan, I ascertained your views before authorizing this transfer.

Yours truly,

L. Rasminsky

Assistant to the Chairman.

Enclosures.

COPY

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE

Montreal, February 21, 1942

Attention Mr. Rasminsky

Foreign Exchange Control Board,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs,

Under date of September 11, 1941, we opened an account in the name of Instituto Espanol de Moneda Extranjera, Madrid, Spain, for $30,800 Canadian, representing the proceeds of cheques totalling $28,000 United States funds. We have received a cable from the Instituto reading as follows:

> "Please telegraph us if $30,800 Canadian dollars credited in your letter of September 11th can be delivered to the Consul General of Spain, Montreal, for Consular affairs".

Please let us know if it will be satisfactory for us to reply that the Canadian dollars may be delivered to the Consul General of Spain for Consular affairs. An early reply by telephone will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) J. L. Lawson,

Supervisor of Banking Arrangements.

CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND, 1946.
IN CANADA

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Dear Sir:

I regret to inform you that I have been directed by the Government of Switzerland to hand over all responsibility connected with safeguarding Japanese interests in Canada. This decision has been taken by the Federal Political Department after a close examination of the situation, created by the closing of the Japanese Legation in Berne, convinced the Swiss authorities that they could not accept any longer the discharge of their duties as Protecting Power.

Having received an official acknowledgment from the Canadian Government of the notice communicated to the above effect, the Consulate General and the other Swiss Consulates in Canada will regard ourselves released, as of to-day, of all duty and responsibility for the protection of Japanese interests in this country.

Yours faithfully,

Consul General of Switzerland

Matsuichi Nabeta, Esquire,
Japanese Spokesman,
Camp 101, Angler, Ontario.

COPY

Foreign Exchange Control Board

February 24, 1942

LR

J. L. Lawson, Esq.,
Supervisor of Banking Arrangements,
The Royal Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning and replying to your letter of the 21st, I write to inform you that so far as the Foreign Exchange Control Board is concerned it will be in order for you to deliver the $30,800 Canadian presently lying to the credit of Instituto Espanol de Moneda Extranjera, Madrid, Spain, to the Consul General of Spain, Montreal, for Consular affairs.

Yours very truly,

LR/S

Assistant to the Chairman.

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LB/LSTG
Jan. 24/42.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERTSON

Japanese internees in Canada

The Consul General of Spain has requested that we might let him have a list of Japanese internees in Canada.

I understand from Mr. Rive that he has that list already prepared. Do you wish me to refer Mr. Schwartz to Mr. Rive in this connection?

Mr. Schwartz wished to enquire at the same time whether there was any truth in the newspaper report to the effect that all Japanese would be transferred from the Pacific Coast.

He would like to be advised also of the position as to fishing boats on the Pacific Coast.

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I told Mr. Schwartz that I was not conversant at all with the matters referred to above and that I would be glad to place these points before you.

I understand Mr. Schwartz hopes to wind up the matter relating to the Japanese archives in Ottawa this afternoon and would propose to return to Montreal some time tomorrow.

Mr. Beaudry:
I think Mr. Schwartz should be put in touch with Mr. Rive re internees and with Mr. Kellock-Winde re general Japanese policy

L.B.

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MEMORANDUM

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LB/LJ

, 1942.

Transfer of the Japanese Archives at Ottawa (Legation Office on Wellington Street) to the representative of the Protecting Power, (Mr. P.E. Schwartz, Consul General of Spain)

I have had several conversations on this subject with Mr. A.H. Mathieu, Assistant Deputy Custodian, and Mr. Schwartz, particularly on the following points:

(1) Question of selling some of the furniture in the Office. Permission to sell was granted and it is understood that the proceeds would be applied pro tanto, on the payment of the arrears of rent.

It was agreed that the balance of the furniture would be sent with the archives to the Capital Storage Company.

(2) Question of payment of arrears of rent. There was up to this morning some apprehension that the Manager of the Legsor Company might raise objection to the archives and some of the furniture as referred to above leaving the Office to go to the Capital Storage Company. Mr. Schwartz, however, gave me and Mr. Mathieu definite assurance that the arrears would be paid, including the short additional period before the Office is taken over by another tenant, (who is likely to be the Public Works Department). Mr. Mathieu conveyed that assurance to the Manager, (Mr. Sherwood) and it was decided, therefore, that removal to the Capital Storage Company would take place this afternoon.

Mr. Schwartz came to see me at 4.30 this p.m., and advised me that the whole matter had now been completed. He added that he had sent a telegram to his Government to obtain as soon as possible $3,000.(out of the $30,000. already asked for) for payment of the arrears and of the storage. He hopes to have a reply within 3 or 4 days.

L.B.

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MEMORANDUM

LB/LJ
January 24, 1942.

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A few views points agreed upon today between the Spanish Consul General in charge of Japanese Interests and myself.

(1) It is understood that Mr. Yoshizawa will be able to communicate over the telephone with Mr. Schwartz at Montreal on the following two telephone numbers, Plateau 1357, the Spanish Consulate, and Harbour 4784 the residence of Mr. Schwartz at Montreal.

Mr. Stone has undertaken to give appropriate instructions in this regard.

(2) Question of Japanese Officials at Ottawa, particularly Mr. Kanaya, being permitted to communicate with me.

In view of the fact that Mr. Schwartz can not be here all the time unless there are important matters requiring his presence here, the Japanese Minister has requested that he or his Officials might be permitted to communicate with us direct on matters of detail, instead of going through the representative of the Protecting Power. I agreed. I made it clear to Mr. Schwartz, however, that if I felt that any matters of this kind should go first through him I would act accordingly.

(3) Question of new License Plate for the Minister's motor car, driven by his chauffeur who is a British subject. I told Mr. Schwartz that we expected to have a new plate which was sent direct to us and that we would make arrangements through the R.C.M.P. to have the place affixed to the car for the remaining period before the car is sold.

(4) Sale of Minister's car. I told Mr. Schwartz that permission has been granted for the sale of the car. It is assumed,of course, that there are no debts on the car and that the payment of duty on the estimated value of the car would be made to Customs. I undertood to advise the Canadian authorities concerned, (Custodian, R.C.M.P. and Customs).

(5) Proposed appointment of a Spanish Consul of career at Vancouver with jurisdiction in the province and adjoining provinces.

Mr. Schwartz feeling that there will be much to be done in Vancouver for a while has come to the conclusion to advise his Government that it would be well to appoint a

consul of career there to assist him. He asked me whether we would be prepared to grant provisional recognition quickly if an appointment was made. I told him that he could assume there would be no difficulty.

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Mr. Beaudry

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ~~STONE~~

EXT. AFFS
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LB/LSTG
Jan. 23/42.

Confirming my conversation over the telephone with you today, I may say the Consul General of Spain, who is likely to return to Montreal Sunday, advised me that the Japanese Minister may wish to communicate with him over the telephone from here. Mr. P.E. Schwartz gave me his telephone numbers at Montreal as follows:-

At Consulate - Plateau 1357
At Residence - Harbour 4784.

I informed Mr. Schwartz that I had spoken to you and that you would make the necessary arrangements for telephone conversations between Mr. Yoshizawa and him on the two telephone numbers referred to above.

Will you be so good as to give appropriate instructions.

Mr. Beaudry

The Telegraph Censor is arranging to have these calls passed. It will be necessary, however, for Mr. Schwartz or Yoshizawa to give notification of call and to await a few minutes, having hung up the telephone, for completion. T.A.S.

L.B.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:—
THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. C.21-9

File 13

OTTAWA, January 22, 1942.
CANADA

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
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SECRET

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant regarding the Japanese Legation Office on Wellington Street and the expected arrival of Mr. P.E. Schwartz, Consul General for Spain, Inspector Wilson has been informed of this matter and he has arranged for removal of seals in conjunction with Mr. G.W. Hillborn of your Department.

Yours very truly,

(A. Drysdale) Inspector,
Intelligence Officer.

Laurent Beaudry,Esq.,
Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

The Department of External Affairs
JAN 23 1942
Canada

LB/LSTG

File 1B

EXTERNAL
File No. 2966-40c
Sub. 7 Chron. 3

Ottawa, 22nd January, 1942.

My dear Mr. Schwartz,

On the 20th January, the Japanese Consul at Vancouver handed the Royal Canadian Mounted Police representative at Vancouver a letter which he wished to have sent to you at Montreal. The Consul was advised by him that the letter would be air mailed to the Ottawa Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for transmission to our Department who would deal with the question of delivery. I have pleasure in enclosing herewith the letter in question.

Yours sincerely,

Laurent Beaudry

P.E. Schwartz, Esquire,
Consul General of Spain,
O t t a w a.

On envelope - through the kind attention of Mr. G.W. Hillborn,
Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ED:—
COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. C.21-9 (Vol.2)

OTTAWA,
CANADA

January 22nd, 1942.

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER.

S E C R E T

Dear Sir:

Further to previous correspondence with respect to the Japanese Legation at Vancouver, enclosed is copy of report dated January 20th, 1942 at Vancouver and your attention is particularly directed to paragraph (3) thereof and to the footnote by Assistant Commissioner C. H. Hill.

2. The original letter in question is enclosed in an unsealed envelope and a copy of said letter is attached; both are enclosed herewith and it is requested that the despatch of original letter to the Consul General of Spain at Montreal be attended to from your Office.

Yours very truly,

(A. Drysdale), Inspector,
Intelligence Officer.

Laurent Beaudry, Esq.,
Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

The Department of External Affairs
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for External Affairs,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

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No. J.19

Ottawa,
January 28, 1945.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd January advising me that you relinquish your responsibility for the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Please be assured of my appreciation of your many courtesies during the period you were acting as Protecting Power for the Japanese interests.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Consul-General of Switzerland
in charge of Japanese interests,
Sun Life Building,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

DIVISION FILE No. M-95 F. 237

AIRMAIL

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "E" | SUB-DIVISION Vancouver C.I.B. | DETACHMENT Vancouver Intelligence Sec.

PROVINCE British Columbia. | DATE January 20, 1942.

FILE REFERENCES SECRET

RE: Consuls in Canada, (Japan)

HEADQUARTERS C.21-9

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P. C. R.

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR----------

1. Further to the above, the following worded telegrams (passed by Censor) were received by Ichiro KAWASAKI, Japanese Consul, Vancouver, on 19-1-42:

BEGINS:

CANPAC' JAN 19th 1942 827AM

(1)-- RAA 161 17 XCI CG MONTREAL QUE 19 1048A

KAWASAKI
JAPANESE CONSUL VANCOUVER BC
(CARE TC VR FOR CENSOR)

SPANISH GOVERNMENT INFORMS ME YOUR FATHER DIED AT TOGO NINTH INSTANT STOP PLEASE RECEIVED MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCE
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Re: Consuls in Canada, (Japan)

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(SGD)
(J.S. Wood) D/Sgt.,
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Vancouver,
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

AIRMAIL

DIVISION "E"

SUB-DIVISION Vancouver C.I.B.

DETACHMENT Vancouver Intelligence Sec.

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DATE January 20, 1942.

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RE: Consuls in Canada, (Japan)

HEADQUARTERS C.21-9

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P. C. R.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BEAUDRY.

2966-40

At 11 o'clock this morning the seals were removed from the main door of the Japanese Legation. The Japanese seals were removed by Mr. Kanaya and the R.C.M.P. seal was removed by Inspector Wilson of that Force.

Those present were Mr. Kanaya and three members of the staff; Inspector Wilson accompanied by two members of his staff in plain clothes, and myself, representing the Department.

The seals were removed without formality and the Japanese were allowed to enter the premises after Mr. Kanaya had been informed by Inspector Wilson of the new orders that had been issued to the Constable on guard at the door to the effect that no one would be allowed to enter or leave unless accompanied by an R. C. M. P. Constable or on orders of the Inspector.

Inspector Wilson informed me that their guard over the premises would be removed as soon as the Spanish Officials assume charge..

G.W.H.

File B

Mr. Beaudry

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ARMY

CABLE TELEGRAPH TELEPHONE CENSORSHIP

OTTAWA, CANADA,

JANUARY 20 1942

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January 28, 1946.

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20th January, 1942.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Sub. Chron. 3

Dear Sir,

With reference to the question of transfer of the Japanese archives at the Japanese Legation Office on Wellington Street to the representative of the Protecting Power (Mr. P.E. Schwartz, Consul General of Spain at Montreal), I wish to advise you that Mr. Schwartz will arrive from Montreal Thursday noon and will be at the Japanese Minister's residence at four o'clock, the intention being to proceed with the transfer shortly afterwards.

It is also understood that the Japanese officials concerned here will be able to have access to the archives for a day ahead of the transfer in order to have everything ready for such transfer when Mr. Schwartz is here. I think, therefore, it would be advisable to make arrangements for the removal of the seals at the office some time tomorrow morning. I suggest eleven o'clock a.m. If this is satisfactory to your officer concerned, he might advise Mr. Kanaya accordingly. We would propose to send Mr. G.W. Hillborn, of this Department, to be present when the removal of the seals takes place.

Yours very truly,

LAURENT BEAUDRY

Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

Commissioner S.T. Wood,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
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20th January, 1942.

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Assistant Under-Secretary of State
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A.H. Mathieu, Esquire,
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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
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LB/LSTG
January 20,1942.

MEMORANDUM

Transfer of Japanese archives at Ottawa to Protecting Power

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Sunday morning, he telephoned to me to say that he was returning to Montreal for a few days and would send a telegram to his Government and, as soon as he receives a reply, would return to Ottawa, probably Wednesday or Thursday.

He told me that the Japanese Minister had asked him to communicate with Tokyo with a view to obtaining $30,000 to pay their debts in Canada.

He added that Mr. Yoshizawa had made two requests to be addressed to our Department: (a) for permission to sell some of his furniture (if this permission is granted, Mr. Yoshizawa would be prepared to leave the money in Canada, should we not wish him to make use of the proceeds of the sale;) (b) for permission to keep his motor car, as he may wish to take his car with him.

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L.B.

LB/MC
January 17, 1942.

Memorandum for Mr. Stone

Mr. P. E. Schwartz, Consul General of Spain, who has come to Ottawa today and who has now seen Mr. Robertson in regard to Spain taking charge of Japanese interests, will wish to send a telegram to his Government tomorrow or Monday, after having seen the Japanese Minister, and requested that we might be so good as to advise the Censorship Bureau in order that this telegram may be put through and the reply thereto released as soon as possible. I understand the telegram would be sent from Montreal. I told Mr. Schwartz that I would be glad to convey this request to you.

L. B.

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Mr. Beaudry.
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T. A-T.
Jan 17/42

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERTSON

LB/LSTG
Jan. 17/42

Re: Consul General of Spain (Mr. P.E. Schwartz) who is coming to see you at 12 o'clock today

This is to remind that Mr. Schwartz called me up over the long distance telephone last night to say that he has received instructions from his Government and that he requested to be received by you at noon today in this connection. I told him that I was sure you would make every effort to see him.

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Treasury Department
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL
January 22, 1946

REVOCATION OF GENERAL RULING NO. 14 UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389, AS AMENDED, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9193, AS AMENDED, SECTIONS 3(a) AND 5(b) OF THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST WAR POWERS ACT, 1941, RELATING TO FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL.*

General Ruling No. 14, issued August 14, 1942, is hereby revoked.

FRED M. VINSON
Secretary of the Treasury

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* Appendix A; - Sec. 3(a), 40 Stat. 412; Sec. 5(b), 40 Stat. 415 and 966; Sec. 2, 48 Stat. 1; 54 Stat. 179; 55 Stat. 838; Ex. Order 8389, April 10, 1940, as amended by Ex. Order 8785, June 14, 1941, Ex. Order 8832, July 26, 1941, Ex. Order 8963, Dec. 9, 1941, and Ex. Order 8998, Dec. 26, 1941; Ex. Order 9193, July 6, 1942, as amended by Ex. Order 9567, June 8, 1945; Regulations, April 10, 1940, as amended June 14, 1941, and July 26, 1941.

CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA
MONTREAL

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Montreal, January 16, 1942

No. 23
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Dep. Custodian (Mr. Walker)
& Ass Dep. "
R.C.M.P.
J. E.C.B.
Done Jan. 17/42 J. St. G.

Sir :

I have the honour to inform you that, following instructions from my Government, to-morrow I will arrive at Ottawa to take in charge the protection of the Japanese interests in the Dominion of Canada. I should be highly obliged to you if you would have the kindness to receive me about 12 a.m. to assume my charge and get in contact with the Honourable Seijiro Yoshizawa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Pedro E. Schwartz
Consul General of Spain

N. A. Robertson,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

The Department of External Affairs
JAN 17 1942
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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, LONDON.

No. 270

CYPHER

P.M./R

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Ottawa, December 29th, 1941.

Your telegram No. 235 of December 26th. Canadian Government are agreeable to Spanish Government looking after Japanese interests in Canada.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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FROM: SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, CANADA.

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, LONDON, ENGLAND.

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TELEGRAM NO. 271

Ottawa, 29th December, 1941.

CYPHER

SECRET

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Your telegram Circular No. D. 776 of 28th December. Statement referred to would also represent views of His Majesty's Government in Canada.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

TELEGRAM

From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

IMPORTANT

SECRET

CYPHER

CIRCULAR D. 776

Referred to:- P.M.

LONDON, December 23, 1941.

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Circular D. 776. Secret.

Swiss Consul General at Shanghai reports that Japanese authorities refused to allow him to take over Diplomatic and Consular archives until they were informed that all Japanese archives in the United Kingdom, Dominions, Manila and Batavia had actually been taken over by Swiss representatives in full reciprocity.

2. General line we should like to take is to get Swiss Minister here to report that he is being given fullest facilities, and to ask the Swiss to inform the Japanese Government that we have observed and are prepared to observe established international custom in this matter and refrain from interference with any archives which it is desired to entrust to the care of Protecting Power, provided we received assurance that the Japanese will reciprocate before taking such action.

We should be glad to learn whether the above statement would also represent the views of His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

See U.K.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

See

Secret

Mr. Pearson, Mr. ~~Heeney~~ Keenleyside, Mr. Read,
Mr. Reid, ~~Mr. Stone~~

With reference to the attached copy of memo from Mr. Keenleyside, I may say that a few days ago, in reply to a telegram from D.O. marked secret, we stated that the Canadian Government would be agreeable to Spain looking after Japanese interests in Canada.

2966.40c

Bradley

2nd January 1941.

I told Mr. Kawagoe of the Japanese Legation that on information Spain would be likely to take charge of Japanese interests in Canada.

wa,

Copy to: Mr Pearson ✓
Mr Rowley ✓
Mr Reid ✓
Mr Read ✓
Mr Stone ✓
Mr S ✓

HLK/JG December 24, 1941.

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Memorandum for Mr. Robertson

JAPANESE REPRESENTATION IN ENEMY TERRITORIES

Japan has made the following arrangements for the representation of her interests in enemy territories:-

In the United States	Japanese interests are being looked after by	Spain
In Hawaii	Japanese interests are being looked after by	Sweeden
In the Philippine Islands	Japanese interests are being looked after by	Switzerland

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So far as I know we have not yet received any indication as to who is to look after Japanese interests in Canada.

TELEGRAM

...ISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREA...

From THE HIGH...OF ...STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

To THE SEC...

LONDON, December 19th, 1941.

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No. 2432. Your telegram No. 2026 of December 17th. British authorities have been informed that Japanese have asked Swiss to take over protection of Japanese interests in the United Kingdom and Colonies. We have asked the Foreign Office to enquire through British Minister at Berne whether Swiss have been approached by Japan in the matter of taking over Japanese interests in Canada.

MASSEY

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND

IN CHARGE OF JAPANESE INTERESTS

2966-40

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File No.27/1 D

Montreal, P.Q.,
January 23, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my note No. 27/1 of November 19, 1945, offering to hand over to the Canadian Government the Japanese diplomatic and consular archives and property in this country. Although it was intimated on this occasion that the handing over of the Japanese property and archives would not prejudice the protection of Japanese nationals themselves, a careful study of the situation created by the closing of the Japanese Legation in Switzerland has convinced the Swiss authorities that they could not accept any longer the discharge of their duties as Protecting Power under the new conditions.

I am desired to inform you that, the Federal Political Department having come to the conclusion that it is now impossible to continue the protection of Japanese interests under present circumstances, I am instructed to transfer all responsibility of safeguarding Japanese interests in Canada, in addition to the handing over of the Japanese archives and property, which has already been effected.

The Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

When you have acknowledged the relinquishing of our responsibility, this Consulate General and the other Swiss Consulates in Canada will regard themselves released of all duty and responsibility in this matter.

May I extend to you my hearty appreciation of the courtesies and facilities accorded to the Swiss representatives during their short activity as agents of the Protecting Power for Japanese interests.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul General of Switzerland

The Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Consulate General of Switzerland
in Canada

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IN CHARGE OF JAPANESE INTERESTS

No. 27/1

Montreal, September 24, 1945.

Sir,

With reference to our conversation last week during my visit to Ottawa, I have the honour to inform you that I have sent a notice of my taking over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada to the Japanese national committees of the principal centres of Japanese population in British Columbia and in the Prairie Provinces, irrespective of their status as prospective repatriate or non-repatriate centres. The individual names of these settlements are found on the enclosed copy of the circular.

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— 2 —

May I avail myself of this opportunity to request that you would be good enough to forward the attached letter, pertaining to the same subject, to P/W #664, NABETA, Matsuichi, Japanese Spokesman at Internment Camp 101, Angler, Ontario.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Gaston Jaccard
Consul General of Switzerland

The Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Para. 2 was dealt with on file 3464-40

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND
IN CANADA
IN CHARGE OF JAPANESE INTERESTS

File No. 27/5

Montreal, P. Q.,
September 24, 1945.

Gentlemen:

I am writing with reference to the notification sent you at the end of March of this year by the Consul General of Spain, stating that he had been instructed by his Government to cease to act as the representative in Canada of the Protecting Power of Japanese interests.

The Government of Switzerland having recently accepted the request of the Japanese Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada, I have, with the concurrence of the Canadian Government, assumed charge of this work as from the beginning of this month.

I shall be glad to receive any communications from you and to do all I can to be of any assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(SIGNED) GASTON JACCARD
Consul General of Switzerland

Addressed to the Japanese National Committees at:

Tashme, B. C.
Lemon Creek, B. C.
Slocan City, B. C.
Bay Farm, B. C.
Popoff, B. C.
Rosebery, B. C.
Greenwood, B. C.
Christina Lake, B. C.
Grand Forks, B. C.
Lillooet, B. C.
McGillivray Falls, B. C.
Minto, B. C.
Taylor Lake, B. C.
Kamloops, B. C.
Black Spur Camp, Blue River, B. C.
New Denver, B. C.
Kaslo, B. C.
Bridge River, B. C.

Raymond, Alberta
Picture Butte, Alberta
Taber, Alberta
St. Pierre, Manitoba

TELEGRAM

From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

SEP 14 1945

CYPHER

NO. 194

LONDON, September 14, 1945.

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No. 194. Your telegram No. 204 of 31st August.

Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

With regard to public announcement, Swiss Government propose August 11th, 1945, as date on which they formally took over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

Rec'd 6:50 a.m.

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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

SEP 13 1945

CYPHER

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WA-4764

WASHINGTON, September 13th, 1945.

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WA-4764. Your EX-3302 of September 12th, Japanese interests in Canada.

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1. Thank you for the information respecting protection of Japanese interests in Canada, which I have now conveyed to the State Department as requested by it.

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2. I would appreciate similar information with respect to the protection of German interests in Canada when available.

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MHW/JB

September 12, 1945.

File 2966-40C

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WRONG.

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Re: Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

On March 26, 1945, the Spanish Consul General, on instructions from his Government, stopped protecting Japanese interests in Canada.

On August 1st, the Swiss Government told us that they had been asked by the Japanese Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. The Swiss Government asked whether we had any objection and we replied that we had no objection.

We have now been advised by the Swiss Consul General that the Swiss Consulates have actually taken over the protection of Japanese interests and are taking over Japanese Government property and archives from the Spanish Consulates.

We understand from the Spanish Consul General that the handing over process took place on September 1st.

I do not think that it is desirable to issue a formal press release on this subject, but I think ~~that~~ it ~~might be~~ desirable to mention it at your next press conference.

It may be useful for you to know that the Swiss are still protecting Japanese interests in the United Kingdom and United States. In the case of the United States, the Swiss did not begin to protect Japanese interests until July, 1945. Enclosed for your information is a copy of a telegram we are sending to the Canadian Embassy in Washington, commenting on the latest development here.

Mr Rive: This did not reach me in time for the pres conf. yesterday. I could mention it next week, but it is not likely the reporters will handle routine announcements through these channels.

HRO

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

TELETYPE

CYPHER

NO.

OTTAWA, September 12, 1945.

Special Division.

My EX-3216 of September 5 and my EX-2870 of August 4 regarding Japanese interests in Canada. Swiss Consul General has informed us that he is taking over protection of Japanese interests in Canada, and that Japanese Government property and archives are being transferred to the Swiss Consulates by the Spanish Consulates. We are informing him that this procedure is acceptable.

2. The present position in Canada is therefore that the Swiss are the Protecting Power in much the same way as they would be if the surrender had not taken place. How long this position will continue is impossible to say at present. It is, of course, open to the Canadian Government, the Swiss Government or the Japanese Government to put an end to the protection of Japanese interests in Canada by the Swiss. In the case of the Japanese Government, we understand that they might be ordered to take certain actions by the Supreme Command, but no useful purpose would be served by our attempting to anticipate the action which the Japanese Government may be required to take.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Ottawa, September 12, 1945.

TO: The Department of National Defence (Army - POW)
#8 Temporary Building, Ottawa
SUBJECT: Protecting Power for Japanese interned in Canada.

The Department of National Defence has already been notified that the Swiss Government has assumed responsibility for the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Accordingly, the Swiss Consul-General and his staff throughout Canada should be accorded all the normal rights and privileges granted to representatives of the Protecting Power in their dealings with Japanese in Canada.

for J. E. Read
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, LONDON

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TELEGRAM

CYPHER

NO. 211

OTTAWA, September 12, 1945.

My telegram 204, August 31, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. The Swiss Consul General has informed us that he is taking over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Japanese Government property and archives are being transferred to the Swiss Consulates by the Spanish Consulates.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

TELETYPE

CYPHER

OTTAWA, September 12, 1945.

NO. EX-3302

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Ottawa, September 12, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of August 29th stating that you have been directed to take over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

As we have already informed your Government, we welcome this step and will be glad to give you every cooperation.

It is, of course, in order for the Consulates of Spain to transfer to the Consulates of Switzerland all Japanese Government property and archives in Canada.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L E Read
for

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Consul General for Switzerland
in Canada,
Sun Life Building, Dominion Square,
Montreal, P. Q.

2966-40C

MHW/JB

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, LONDON.

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TELEGRAM

CYPHER

NO. 2111

OTTAWA, September 12, 1945.

Your despatch A.375, August 31, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. The Swiss Consulates in Canada have actually taken over the protection of Japanese interests and are taking over Japanese Government property and archives from the Spanish Consulates.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Ottawa, September 12, 1945.

NO. J 48

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note no. 816 of August 29th and your note no. 825 of September 1st, regarding the assumption by the Consul General of Switzerland of the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

ALFRED RIVE
for the
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Consul General for Spain in Canada,
Sun Life Building,
Dominion Square,
Montreal, P. Q.

MHW/JB

Refer: F.E.C.B.,
Custodian,
Immigration,
Nat. Defence (Army),
D. of Internment Operations,
Nat. Def. (Army).

SEP 12 1945
Done - JB

Our file 2966-40C

Ottawa, September 12, 1945.

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To: The Deputy-Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa.

I wrote you on August 4th that we had been advised by the Swiss Government that they had been asked by the Japanese Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. We said in the letter that we had told the Swiss Government that we welcomed this step.

We have now been advised by the Swiss Consul General in Montreal that he is actually taking over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Japanese Government property and archives which were in the custody of the Spanish Consulates are being turned over to the Swiss Consulates.

We do not plan to make a formal public announcement, but the matter is no longer confidential. It would be in order for you to inform the officials and Japanese at the various Japanese settlements.

ALFRED RIVE
for the
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

MHW/JB

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Our file 2966-40C

Ottawa, September 12, 1945.

Dear Mr. Maag,

You have probably already been informed by the Swiss Consul General that, on instructions from his Government and with the approval of the Canadian Government, he has taken over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Sincerely yours,

ALFRED RIVE
for the
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

E. L. Maag, Esq.,
Delegate in Canada of the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
74 Sparks Street, Ottawa.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. READ

Re: Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Some days ago you sent to the Under-Secretary for approval my recommendation that we allow the Swiss to take over as Protecting Power.

In the meantime, we have received notes from the Swiss Consul General and from the Spanish Consul General stating that the Swiss have taken over protection of Japanese interests as of September 1st. These notes call for a reply.

You may wish to remind the Under-Secretary of the need of a definite ruling that Canada is willing to let the Swiss carry on as Protecting Power.

Under Sec. approves.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

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OTTAWA, September 5, 1945.

Your WA-4564, August 30, protection of Japanese and German interests in Canada. This question is now under study and we will as soon as possible send to you, for the information of the State Department, information as to Canadian policy.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA

MONTREAL

September 1, 1945.

No. 825

Sir,

With reference to my note No. 816 of August 29th, I have the honour to inform you that I have this day, in transferring all that is connected with the protection of Japanese interests in Canada to Mr. Gaston Jaccard, Consul General of Switzerland in Canada, turned over to him the archives, furniture and other properties which belonged to the former Japanese Legation at Ottawa.

I desire to state also that instructions have been sent to Mr. F.P. Bernard, Honorary Spanish Vice-Consul at Vancouver, B. C., to turn over the house, archives, furniture and other properties, which belonged to the former Japanese Consulate, to Mr. E. Baeschlin, Consul of Switzerland in Vancouver.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Leopoldo Martinez de Campos

Leopoldo Martinez de Campos
Vice-Consul
in charge of the Consulate General of Spain

Norman A. Robertson, Esquire,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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OFFICE OF THE

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA,

CANADA HOUSE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

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31st August, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram No.179 of August 4th to the Dominions Office, concerning the protection of Japanese interests in Canada, and to enclose herewith a copy of a note dated August 11th which has been sent by the Foreign Office to the Swiss Minister on this subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Acting High Commissioner.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Ottawa.

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His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Swiss Minister, and with reference to Monsieur Ruegger's note No.II.0.3.1945 of the 16th July informing him that the Japanese Government had asked the Swiss Federal Council to safeguard their interests in Canada, has the honour to reply that His Majesty's Government in Canada have signified that they would welcome the assumption of protection of the Japanese interests in Canada by the Swiss Government.

2. His Majesty's Government in Canada would be glad to know on what date the Swiss Government propose formally to take over the protection of Japanese interests in order that they may make a public announcement concerning the proposal of the Swiss Federal Council.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

11th August, 1945.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, LONDON

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TELEGRAM

CYPHER

NO. 204

OTTAWA, August 31, 1945.

My telegram 179, August 4, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Have Swiss replied to our enquiry?

2. So far as Canadian Government is concerned, Japanese surrender need not (not) affect the assumption by Swiss Government of protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Of course it would be open to ~~Japanese Government~~ the appropriate authority in Japan, the Swiss Government or Canadian Government to terminate this arrangement later on.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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August 30, 1945.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. READ.

Re : Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Mr. English of the United States Embassy phoned me this afternoon to enquire as to what we were doing about Japanese Government archives in Canada. I explained to him the uncertain position we were in as regards the status of the Swiss, and told him that no final decision had been reached by this Department as to what would happen.

Mr. English indicated vaguely that there was a possibility of General MacArthur persuading the Emperor of Japan to ask the various Governments, including the Canadian Government, to hand over Japanese Government archives to somebody. I said that obviously such a request from the Emperor would change the position completely, but I did not attempt to say exactly what the Canadian Government would do if such a request were received.

MW

Has the telegram to D.O. gone to the Deputy?

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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STA

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CA

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WA-4564

WASHINGTON, August 30th, 1945

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WA-4564. My WA-4475, of August 24th, protection of Japanese interests in the United States, and WA-4476 of the same date, protection of German interests in the United States. Have received further request from State Department for information as to Canadian policy.

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA
MONTREAL

August 29, 1945.

No. 816

Sir,

With reference to our note No. 750 of August 11th, I have the honour to inform you that I shall transfer the protection of Japanese interests in Canada on September 1, 1945, to Mr. Gaston Jaccard, Consul General of Switzerland in Canada.

I wish to mention also that, with Mr. Jaccard's agreement, instructions have been sent to Mr. F.P. Bernard, Honorary Spanish Vice-Consul at Vancouver, B. C., to turn over the house, archives, furniture and other properties, which belonged to the former Japanese Consulate to Mr. E. Baeschlin, Consul of Switzerland in Vancouver.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND
IN CANADA

EXTERNAL AFF.
File No. 2966-40c
Sub. 11 Chron. 18, 1945

27/1 M. Montreal, August 29, 1945.

Sir,

Following instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that this Consulate General is directed to receive and to take over from the Consulate General of Spain at Montreal the protection of the Japanese interests in Canada. The assent of the Government of Canada to the assumption by the Swiss consulates of this representation has been communicated to the Swiss Government through the channel of the British Foreign Office. It is anticipated, therefore, that you are agreeable to the transfer of the Japanese archives and property by the Consulates of Spain to the Consulates of Switzerland, which is in process of being effected.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Consul General of Switzerland.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,
O t t a w a.

Deputy Secretary

MHW/JB

August 29, 1945

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MEMORANDUM ~~FOR: MR.~~ READ.

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Re: Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

When this was discussed with the Under-Secretary on August 22nd, the tentative view was that the Swiss should not take over the functions of Protecting Power even if they still wish to do so, and that Japanese Government property and archives should be taken over by the Canadian Government in a trustee capacity (using the Custodian as agent of the Canadian Government for the purpose). However, the first step was to find out exactly what is happening in the United States and United Kingdom.

We now have reports from Washington and London, and I think they alter the picture considerably.

I now feel that there is no reason why we should object to the Swiss actually taking over protection of Japanese interests in Canada if the Swiss still wish to do so. If the Swiss do take over protection of Japanese interests, it will of course be open to any of the three governments directly involved to alter the situation and to terminate the protection at some future date.

Annexed is a proposed telegram to Dominions Office.

I have added that C.H. Tel. No. 2473, Aug 29. which does not appear to change the situation JWR.

TELEGRAM

From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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LONDON, August 29th, 1945.

NO. 2473

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No. 2473. My telegram No. 2455, August 28th, protection of Japanese interests, paragraph 3.

It occurs to me you might prefer to telegraph Dominions Office that in view of desirability of Commonwealth countries adopting similar policies, it is suggested that Dominions Office report from time to time on policy and developments with respect to all ex-enemy countries, referring both to property and archives and to protection of prisoners and internees. I shall take no action pending your decision.

2. My paragraph 2. On further enquiry, Prisoners of War Department agree with Far East Department that surrender terms will probably include demand that Japanese ask Swiss to turn over property and archives to host Governments. No decisions appear to have been taken regarding prisoners of war and internees.

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER.

Rec'd. 8:16 p.m.

TELEGRAM

From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

AUG 29 1945

CYPHER

NO. 2455

LONDON, August 28th, 1945.

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No. 2455. Your telegram No. 1942, August 24th, protection of Japanese interests in United Kingdom.

It appears little progress has been made.

1. Far East Department of Foreign Office imagine Japanese Government will be requested to authorise the Swiss to relinquish the control of Japanese property and archives and that United Kingdom will either take them over directly or else hold them in trust for Controlling Powers, as in case of Germany (see my telegram No. 2466).

2. Prisoner of War Department envisage continuance of Japanese Government and see no reason why Swiss should not continue to protect Japanese internees and prisoners of war.

3. All this is unofficial. Am writing formally asking to be kept informed. I suspect initiative will be taken in Washington.

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

Rec'd 5:26 p.m.

2966-40C Division
MHW/JB

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, LONDON

TELEGRAM

SECRET

CYPHER

IMMEDIATE

NO. 1942

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
File No. 2966-40C
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OTTAWA, August ~~22~~ 24, 1945.

Para. 1 of your telegram 2115, July 26, protection of Japanese interests in United Kingdom by the Swiss. Please advise soon as possible whether there has been any change in protection of Japanese interests in United Kingdom as a result of Japanese surrender and whether any changes contemplated. Deal particularly with custody of Japanese Government property and archives.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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MHW/JB

Undersecretary
to see

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, LONDON

TELEGRAM

SECRET

CYPHER

IMMEDIATE

NO. 1942

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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2966-40d
Sec. 6 Chron. 18/7

OTTAWA, August 24, 1945.

Para. 1 of your telegram 2115, July 26, protection of Japanese interests in United Kingdom by the Swiss. Please advise soon as possible whether there has been any change in protection of Japanese interests in United Kingdom as a result of Japanese surrender and whether any changes contemplated. Deal particularly with custody of Japanese Government property and archives.

OK GM.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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1. ~~Mr Reed~~
2. ~~Mr N A Robertson~~ ?

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From THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

AUG 24 1945

IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, August 24, 1945.

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Attached.

WA-4475. Your EX-3072 of August 24, protection of Japanese interests in the United States by the Swiss.

1. The Swiss took over protection of Japanese interests in the United States in the latter part of July and still have in their custody Japanese Government property and archives, with the exception set out below.

2. Japanese interests in Hawai are under the Protection of Sweden.

3. It is understood by the State Department that the Swiss will remain in charge of Japanese interests for an indefinite period and that, should any change be made it will be on instructions from Tokyo by the Emperor as directed by the Supreme Allied Commander. In short, the instructions will be part of the overall treatment of Japan, as opposed to a separate arrangement between the United States and the Swiss Government.

4. The status of the archives is that the Swiss are holding them as trustee pending further instructions and at the moment they are not available for inspection by any of the United Nations, including the United States.

5. State Department would appreciate information as to Canadian policy in respect to any Japanese property or documents in Canada.

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

2966-40C

MHW/JB

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

Undersecretary to see

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NO. EX-3072.

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OTTAWA, August ~~22~~ 24, 1945.

OK JSM

Your despatch no. 1825, July 24, protection of Japanese interests in United States by Swiss. Did Swiss actually take over protection, including custody of Japanese Government property and archives? What changes have resulted or are contemplated in consequence of Japanese surrender? Please report soon as possible.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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August 22, 1945.

File 2966-40C.

JSR.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE.

File No. 2966-40 C
Sub. 3 Chron. 3 Filed

Re : Protection of Japanese interests in Canada, with particular reference to Japanese Government assets & archives.

This subject was discussed today by the Under-Secretary, Mr. Read and Mr. Rive. It was decided to find out immediately what has happened in the United States and United Kingdom as a result of the Japanese surrender.

The tentative views of this Department are that the Swiss should not take over the functions of Protecting Power even if they still wish to do so, and that Japanese Government property and archives should be taken over by the Canadian Government in a trustee capacity (using the Custodian as agent of the Canadian Government for the purpose).

No conclusion was reached as to the action which the Canadian Government would take if the question of handing over Japanese archives to the United States or United Kingdom Governments should be raised.

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OTTAWA NAR/ET

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS LONDON

Ottawa, 18th August, 1945

Telegram No. 194

Immediate

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Your telegram No. 175 of August 18.

United States Ambassador has now made explained that approach ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ to Canadian Government by his Embassy in his absence respecting custody of Japanese property and archives was made in error and should be regarded as withdrawn.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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TELEGRAM

From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

AUG 18 1945

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SECRET

CYPHER

NO. 175

LONDON, August 18th, 1945.

P. M.
U. A. R.
U. S. W.

AUG 18 1945

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Sub. 3 Chron. 18

No. 175. Secret. Your telegram of August 15th, No. 190. Japanese property and archives.

We have ascertained that other Allied Governments have received similar communications from United States representatives. We are taking urgent steps to clear up the matter with the Americans. Fuller communication will be sent to you as soon as possible.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

Rec'd 12:29 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. READ

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
File No. 2966-40c
Sub. 3 Chron. 3 Filed

Re: Proposed Taking Over by the Big 4 Powers
of Japanese Government Property in Canada.

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1. I have seen our telegram No. 190 of August 15 to Dominions Office. There is a slight error of fact in it - the Swiss have not yet taken over Japanese interests or property. We have however agreed that they should.

2. It seems to me that the Big 4 request is utterly unreasonable, unless the Japanese Government associates itself with the request. The Japanese State and Government have not ceased to exist. There is no rule of international law entitling a victorious belligerent, merely because it is victorious, to demand possession of the defeated Government's archives and assets in third countries. (The position is different in Germany, where the Big 4 have taken over all the functions of the non-existent German Government).

3. Furthermore, there is no reason why a defeated enemy Government (Japan) cannot continue to have its interests in a victorious country (e.g. Canada) looked after by a Protecting Power - if the Japanese Government still exists, if the Japanese and Canadian Governments agree to the Protecting Power's continuance in office, and if the Protecting Power is willing.

4. I think we should flatly refuse the request unless the Japanese Government joins in it e.g. by putting it into the Instrument of Surrender.

2966-40

NAR/SR

T E L E G R A M

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, LONDON

Ottawa, August 15th, 1945.

No. 190
IMMEDIATE
SECRET
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I have just learned that the United States Ambassador has been instructed by his Government, acting on behalf of the other powers which will be associated with it in receiving the surrender of Japan, to request the Canadian Government to hand over to him Japanese Government property in Canada, including the Legation and Consular archives, which have been in the custody of the Government of Spain and more recently the Government of Switzerland as Protecting Power for Japanese interests.

At first glance this seems an odd approach to an ally. Before returning a reply to the United States Ambassador, I should like to know whether, in fact, the United Kingdom Government wishes to be regarded as associated with it.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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NAR/SR
15.8.45

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Shillock, who is in charge of the United States Embassy this afternoon, telephoned me to say that he had been instructed by the Department of State to request the Canadian Government to hand over to the United States Government, acting on behalf of the four powers which had received the Japanese surrender, all Japanese Government property in Canada, including, specifically, the property and archives of the Japanese Legation, which has been in the custody first of Spain and now of Switzerland as Protecting Power for Japanese interests.

I suggested that Shillock check his instructions with the Department of State and make sure that they were not meant for Dublin instead of Ottawa. The communication he had been instructed to make seemed to be one that would be more appropriately addressed to a neutral country than to an ally.

We have no particular interest in the custody or use of Japanese Government property in this country, but I see no reason why we should turn it over to the United States Embassy, even if it is acting on behalf of the four Great Powers.

The United States Ambassador is bringing me a note on the subject tomorrow, and we can then consider the question more carefully and see what reply should be returned to the American request. In the meantime, I think it might be worthwhile sending the attached telegram to London, enquiring whether the United Kingdom knows that it has been associated with the United States in this request for the transfer of Japanese Government property in Canada.

Approved
by W. L. M.
15 Aug 45

CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA

MONTREAL

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Sub. 6 Chron. F.

August 11, 1945.

No. 750

Legal Adviser
~~P.D.I.E. Part III~~
to see
see

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your notes No. 46 and No. 47 of August 1st and 4th, respectively, in the latter of which you have been good enough to inform me that you have sent a reply to the Government of Switzerland that the Canadian Government welcomes the Swiss acceptance of the invitation of the Japanese Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

I desire to mention that the arrangements will be completed with Mr. Gaston Jaccard, Consul General of Switzerland, in Montreal, to effect the transfer to him of the above-mentioned Protection, as soon as he receives the necessary instructions from his Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Norman A. Robertson, Esquire,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

AVR/DG
August 10, 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. READ

CHANNELS OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT REGARDING JAPANESE INTERESTS.

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In the second paragraph of the attached telegram, No. 2202 of August 3rd, from the High Commissioner, London, it is suggested that we should take the opportunity of agreement with the Swiss upon the most efficient routing of communications regarding Japanese interests. This is an old story which began in 1940 when the Swiss, as Protecting Power for German interests, had to deal with us about the treatment of prisoners of war transferred to Canada. They were at first given to making their communications regarding the treatment of prisoners of war in Canada to us via the F.O. and either through the Dominions Office, Canada House or War Office. We made it clear several times in those early days that we expected such communications to reach us through the Consul General of Switzerland at Montreal. This was finally settled when Preiswerk, Chief of the Special Division of the Swiss Legation at London, came to Ottawa in the summer of 1941, and since then we have had only occasional cause to complain. The Swiss Consul General in Montreal has transmitted with very few exceptions, all the communications received from the Swiss relating to prisoners of war. The exceptions have, I think, been with regard to matters of general principle, which were being raised simultaneously in all parts of the Commonwealth. However, each time a communication from the Swiss has reached us through London, we have informed the Swiss Consul General at Montreal and we have either sent our reply through him or if we have sent it through London, we have informed him of the nature of the reply.

In the communication regarding the taking over of the protection of Japanese interests in Canada, the Swiss have returned to the channel through the Foreign Office, and as mentioned above, Canada House suggests we should discuss the routing of communications again with the Swiss. I see no object in doing so at this time for three reasons:

1. That the Swiss know perfectly well our views on the proper channel of communication.

2. That they may feel that this is an important communication which it is not appropriate for a Consul General to make and as they have no diplomatic representative at Ottawa as yet, they have chosen to make it through the Foreign Office.

3. They may have done this deliberately with a view to accelerating action by us on their proposal for an exchange of ministers.

May I have your views?

Whom is DO 165.
Would there be any objection to restating "our views" so Massey's information and letting him know that we think that the Swiss understand them.

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MHW/JB

August 4, 1945.

File: 2966-40C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER-SECRETARY
AND THE LEGAL ADVISER.

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Re : Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Some days ago, before it appeared that any neutral country would take over Japanese interests in Canada, the Spanish Consul General sent us a note stating that he had instructions to turn over to the Canadian Government "all that is related to the protection of Japanese interests in this country". He told us orally that this referred specifically to the archives of the Japanese Legation. We told the Consul General that we would consider the matter and send him a reply.

We consulted Washington to see what the State Department would do in a case of this kind, and were told that the State Department saw nothing objectionable in the proposal. (See WA-3855 of July 21st from Washington.) We also consulted London, and have now been told that the Legal Division of the Foreign Office thinks it would have been improper to have accepted Japanese archives, as proposed by the Spanish Consul General. (See telegram no. 2202 of August 3rd from Canada House.)

I certainly agree with the Foreign Office and disagree with the State Department in this matter. Fortunately the problem has been removed by the fact that the Swiss are taking over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

MHW

Under Secretary of State
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Heaslip Langsbrook
to see

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MHW/JB

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, LONDON

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TELEGRAM

CYPHER - Public

NO. 179

OTTAWA, August 4, 1945.

Your telegram no. 165, August 1. Please tell Swiss Government we welcome their taking over protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Please tell Swiss that we would like to know whether the matter is sufficiently definite for us to make public announcement.

OK
Mack

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, LONDON

TELEGRAM

CYPHER

NO. 1804

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS
File No. 2966-40C
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OTTAWA, August 4, 1945.

Your telegram 2202, August 3, Japanese interests in Canada. We are asking Dominions Office to tell Swiss that we welcome their taking over Japanese interests. Public announcement has not (not) yet been made. We will reply later to your paragraph 2.

OK
MHW

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

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TELETYPE

CYPHER

NO. EX-2870

OTTAWA, August 4, 1945.

Your WA-3855, July 21, representation of Japanese interests. Swiss Government has been invited by Japanese Government to take over Japanese interests in Canada, and we have informed the Swiss that we welcome this step. Public announcement has not (not) yet been made.

OK
mar

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AUG 4 1945
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Department of External Affairs

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

MHW/JB

Refer: F.E.C.B.
Custodian
Immigration
Nat. Def. - Army

Done
AUG 6 1945
JB

Ottawa, August 4, 1945.

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Our file 2966-40C

To: The Deputy-Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa.

We have been advised by the Swiss Government that they have been invited by the Japanese Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

We are informing the Swiss Government that we welcome this step.

A public announcement will be made later and I shall send you a copy of the press release.

N. A. ROBERTSON

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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Ottawa, August 4, 1943.

NO. 47

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my note no. 46 of August 1st regarding the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

We have received a communication from the Swiss Government, asking whether we have any objection to their accepting the invitation of the Japanese Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests in Canada. We have informed the Swiss Government in reply that we welcome their acceptance of the invitation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

N. A. Robertson

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Consul General of Spain,
Sun Life Building,
Montreal, P. Q.

IMPORTANT

MHW/JB

August 3, 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR: LEGAL ADVISER.

Re : Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

We have received telegram no. 165 of August 1st from the Dominions Office, which reads as follows:

> "Japanese Government have asked Swiss Government if they will safeguard Japanese interests in Canada. Swiss Government has accepted provided His Majesty's Government in Canada has no objection. Grateful to learn by telegram what reply should be made to Swiss Legation."

This does not come as a surprise. The Spanish Consul General wrote us on July 30th that he had instructions to turn over Japanese interests to the Swiss Consul General. We replied to him that we would be glad to agree as soon as a formal communication on the subject reached us from the Swiss Consul General.

It seems to me that the Swiss Government should approach us through the Swiss Consul General, and not through the United Kingdom Government. If you think it worthwhile to establish this point, we might send a reply in the following form to Dominions Office:

> "Your telegram 165, August 1, Japanese interests. Would you please indicate to Swiss that we would welcome a communication from Swiss Consul General in Canada asking if we concur in Swiss taking over Japanese interests.
>
> 2. We will be glad to have Swiss take over, but think that inquiry should be made by Swiss Government direct to Canadian Government."

I don't think that we would be justified in questioning the following paragraph channelled by the Swiss Govt.

Sw am #270 Dn. 29/41

to D.O.

As Swiss are now awaiting our reply to their proposal that they establish a Legation at Ottawa - I don't think we should take the Swiss Govt. channel of communication

MHW

TELEGRAM

From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

CYPHER

NO. 2202

LONDON, August 3rd, 1945.

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No. 2202. Your telegram No. 1766 of August 1st, treatment of Japanese interests in Canada.

1. Legal Division of Foreign Office informally consulted, think it would have been improper to have accepted Japanese archives, as proposed by Spanish Consul General.

2. I suggest you consider taking this opportunity of agreement with Swiss upon most efficient routing of communications regarding Japanese interests, and that it be made clear you expect them to adhere to it. Some reason to believe, for example, enquiry in Dominions Office telegram No. 165 rested many days in London. May we be told agreed routing, if any.

HIGH COMMISSIONER

Rec'd. 11:56 a.m. August 3rd.

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TELEGRAM

From THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

AUG 2 1945

CYPHER

NO. 165

LONDON, August 1st, 1945.

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No. 165. Japanese Government have asked Swiss Government if they will safeguard Japanese interests in Canada. Swiss Government has accepted provided His Majesty's Government in Canada has no objection. Grateful to learn by telegram what reply should be made to Swiss Legation.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS.

CODE SECTION

Copy enclosed
E. B. Harvey
Mr. Glazebrook

Received 10.57 p.m.

AIR MAIL

File 2966-40C

MHW/JB

FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, LONDON

TELEGRAM

SECRET

CYPHER

IMMEDIATE.

NO. 1766

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OTTAWA, August 1, 1945.

My 1750, July 31, protection of Japanese interests.

We have just been told by Spanish Consul General that he now has instructions to turn over protection of Japanese interests to Swiss Consul General. Please cancel request contained in paragraph 3 (repeat paragraph 3) of my 1750.

2. We would still like to have Foreign Office informal comments on problem mentioned in paragraph 2 of my 1750, relating to acceptance of archives.

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AUG 1 1945
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

AIR MAIL

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Consulate
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Defence (Army)

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AUG 3 1945

done m.h.

Ottawa, August 1, 1945.

NO. 46

~~Mr Laing~~
→ ~~Mr Read~~
~~Mr Glazebrook~~
~~Mr Reford~~
free

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note no. 716 of July 30th, advising us that you have been instructed to turn over to the Consul General of Switzerland the protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

The Canadian Government will be pleased to agree to this arrangement and, as soon as a formal communication on the subject is received from the Consul General of Switzerland, I shall advise you accordingly.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

ALFRED RIVET.
for the
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Consul General of Spain,
Sun Life Building,
Montreal, P. Q.

AIR MAIL

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

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No. 930 July 30 1945

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, 1 copies of the paper mentioned in the subjoined schedule.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Alfred Rive
for the Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Canadian Ambassador
to the United States,
Canadian Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

NAME AND DATE	SUBJECT
Telegram No. 2141 of July 28 from the High Commissioner for Canada in Great Britain.	Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA

MONTREAL

AUG 3 1945

July 30, 1945.

No. 716

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my note No. 678 of July 11, 1945, concerning the possible transfer to the Government of Canada of all that is related to the protection of Japanese interests in this country.

I desire to inform you now that further cable instructions have reached me from my Government to turn over the above-mentioned Protection to the Consul General of Switzerland in Canada.

I should be very grateful if you would be good enough to advise me if this new proposal is agreeable to the Canadian Government.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Count of Morales

Count of Morales
Consul General of Spain

Norman A. Robertson, Esquire,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, LONDON

TELEGRAM

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OTTAWA, July ~~30~~, 1945.

Your telegram no. 2115, July 26, protection of Japanese interests. We were in error in thinking that Spain had protected Japanese interests in United Kingdom. As for the United States, it has just been announced that Switzerland has taken over protection of Japanese interests.

2. You should not (not) act on part of our despatch no. 1169 relating to proposed approach to Sweden. However, we still would like to know soon what Foreign Office would do if faced with the kind of request we have received from Spanish Consul General, i.e., that we should accept from him the archives of the Japanese Legation.

OK Mack

3. It is surprising that Japanese Government has apparently asked Swedish Government to take over in Canada while asking Switzerland to take over in the United States. Please ask Foreign Office to ask British Minister, Berne, if he could informally find out from Swiss Foreign Office anything they know on this subject. Perhaps they would know whether Swedish Government has definitely refused to take over in Canada. As we have no cypher to Berne, we cannot send this request direct.

4. There is no question of our preferring Sweden to Switzerland. We ~~must~~ have been proceeding on the basis that Sweden has been asked to take over in Canada.

I agree MK

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE UNDER-SECRETARY.

Re : Protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

Following the meeting with the Spanish Consul General on June 19th, we sent communications to Canada House and Washington, in order to find out -

1. Whether the U.K. and U.S. Governments would be in favour of urging the Swedish Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests.

2. Whether the U.K. and U.S. Governments had received from the Spanish Government the same request we received, i.e., to accept custody of Japanese archives which had been in the custody of the Spanish representatives.

The reply from Washington says that it has just been announced that the Swiss Government has accepted the invitation of the Japanese Government to take over the protection of Japanese interests in the United States. The Swiss Government made its acceptance conditional on the Japanese Government removing some restrictions on the activities of Swiss officials protecting United States interests in Japanese territory. The reply from Washington also says, referring to the request regarding archives, that the State Department does not regard such a request as unusual, the implication being that the State Department might accede to such a request.

The reply from London says that Spain never represented Japanese interests in the United Kingdom, that Switzerland represents them.

I think that we need a little more information before we decide whether Canada should, on its own, approach the Swedish Government. Annexed, for your approval, is a telegram to Canada House in order to obtain additional information.

With all respect to the State Department, I still consider it improper for one belligerent to accept from a protecting power custody of official documents of an enemy government. I propose to ask Canada House again to find out what the Foreign Office thinks about this problem.

JUL 30 1945

TELEGRAM

From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

JUL 28 1945

CYPHER

NO. 2141

LONDON, July 28th, 1945.

JUL 30 1945

No. 2141. My telegram No. 2115 of July 26th, protection of Japanese interests in Canada.

For your information, Sweden protects Netherlands interests in Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand. Swiss in occupied China and Shanghai. No arrangements for Manchukuo. In Indo-China the local Swiss Consul acts under Swedish Legation in Tokyo. This information from Netherlands Foreign Office through Dupuy.

HIGH COMMISSIONER

Rec'd 9:04 a.m.

TELEGRAM

From THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN GREAT BRITAIN

To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

JUL 27 1945

TOP SECRET

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NO. 2115

LONDON, July 26th, 1945.

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No. 2115. Top Secret. Following from Scott,

Begins:

Your despatch, No. 1169, July 20th, protection of Japanese interests in Canada. Spain has not protected Japanese interests in any British Commonwealth country except Canada. Swiss protect Japanese in United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. Sweden in South Africa. Compare PWCA/P(42)6.

I have, therefore, not approached Foreign Office. If you wish me to do so, please inform me why Canada prefers Swedes to Swiss. You will have heard directly from Washington, but impression I gather from miscellaneous Sub-Committee "A" and "B" papers is that Japanese have asked Swiss to protect their interests in United States and that Swiss are using this request to improve position of their representative and thus of Allied interests in Japan. United Kingdom officials recently in Berne report:

"Delicate negotiations were proceeding on basis that Swiss would be willing to do so, subject to certain conditions, one of which was that Japanese should allow Gorge to carry out freely his duties as representative of the Protecting Power in Japan". Quotation is from PWCA/P(45)31/S. 2. not yet despatched. Compare also PWCB/P(45)62/S.3. (paragraph 3), (my despatch No. 1394 of July 17th).

Whether it would be preferable to reinforce the position of the Swedes, who appear to be playing some

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part in protecting Allied interests, by giving them protecting duties in Canada, or to achieve uniformity by asking Swiss to add Japanese interests in Canada to their list, is presumably proper subject for inter-govermental discussion, but I fancy you will not wish us to raise question here before receiving further instructions based on your information from Washington.

I venture further observation that if Japanese can be jockeyed into doing all the requesting, Canada's bargaining power would be higher and your position vis-a-vis Protecting Power, once established, stronger. Ends.

MASSEY.

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Washington, 6 D.C.

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July 24/1945

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To the Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Ottawa.

I transmit herewith 3 copies of the document(s) listed below.

Thomas A. Stone

(For the Ambassador)

DOCUMENTS AND DATE	SUBJECT
Department ofState Press Release, No.560, July 21,	Statement that Deptl of State has informed Swiss Legation that U.S. Government has no objection to assumption of protection of Japanese interests by Swiss Government.
Reference:	My WA-3855, July 21/45

Sent to Special 23/7/45

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FOR THE PRESS

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To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

JUL 23 1945

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WA-3855.

WASHINGTON, July 21st, 1945.

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WA-3855. Confidential. Representation of Japanese interests.

State Department informed me this morning that, after protracted negotiations, the Swiss, having secured certain concessions from the Japanese, have now agreed to take over, and it is expected that an announcement will be made to this effect in the near future. One of the concessions which the Swiss have secured is an agreement in principle that permission will be given to visit all prisoner of war camps, including those in Malaya. They have also secured some agreement, I believe, on their very high indemnity claims for the death of 17 Swiss citizens in the course of the war.

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Since the Spanish in April (see enclosure to my form despatch No. 897 of April 5th) relinquished representation of Japanese interests here, the United States has been guarding the Japanese Embassy and paying the salary of the Custodian. They have not (repeat not), however, asked for access to the files nor taken any responsibility for them, except to provide guards for such files as may be in the Embassy. All Japanese matters, which normally would have been handled through the Spanish, have simply been held in suspense.

The State Department tell me that they would not regard the approach which the Spanish Consul General made to us as unusual. The State Department instructions to United States diplomatic and consular officers abroad, for example, say that

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To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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WASHINGTON,

in the event that they should have to relinquish the representation of the interests of a belligerent in the country of their residence, they should first try to hand over these interests to another neutral.

In the event that no other neutral is prepared to accept this representation, United States officers are then instructed to hand the interests over to the Government of the country of their residence.

In view of the fact that the Swiss are taking over here, the State Department is not interested in the proposals made in paragraph 7 of your communication under reference. I venture to suggest, however, that the Canadian Government itself could make this approach to the Swedish Government, with a concurrent offer to make it clear to the public that the Swedish Government is acting partly on our request, so that no odium would fall upon the Swedish Government.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR.

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FROM: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA

TO: THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON

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NO. EX-2683 Apprd MHW

OTTAWA, July 20, 1945.

Representation of Japanese interests.

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3. When he presented this note, the Consul General spoke principally of his desire to hand over the physical property of the Japanese Government in Canada, such as the archives of the Japanese Legation and Consulates. However, the wording of the note covers much more than the physical property.

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8. Please discuss this matter as soon as possible with the State Department and reply by telegraph.

9. We are sending a similar communication to the Canadian High Commissioner, London.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Ottawa, July 20, 1945.

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AIR MAIL

NO. 1169

Urgent

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We are sending a similar communication to the Canadian Embassy, Washington.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

N. A. ROBERTSON

for

Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

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July 19, 1945.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE 2966-40C.

Re: Protecting Power for Japanese Interests.

The Spanish Consul General called on the Under-Secretary today, and left with him despatch no. 678 of July 11th. Mr. Robertson said that the despatch would be considered and that a reply would be sent. Mr. Robertson implied that there was little likelihood of our granting the request contained in the despatch.

The Consul General said that the Swedish Minister had told him that the latter had no instructions from Stockholm to take over the protection of Japanese interests. The Minister did not say that the Swedish Government had refused, but merely that he, the Minister, had no instructions.

CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA

MONTREAL

July 11, 1945.

No. 678

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Sir,

With reference to my note No. 527 of May 15, 1945, I have the honour to inform you that I have received cable instructions from the Spanish Government to turn over to the Government of Canada all that is related to the protection of Japanese interests in this country.

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I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Count of Morales

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Consul General of Spain

Norman A. Robertson, Esquire,
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

CANADA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE No. HQS 7236-91-7 PW(B).

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY

O T T A W A, 12 Jun 45.

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Special Division (PW)
Department of External Affairs,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Reference your 2966-40C dated 9 Jun 45, regarding a number of pictures for transmission to the Consul General of Spain, arrangements will be made for the Officers at Camp No. 101 to receive copies of the prints referred to.

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(H. N. Streight),
Colonel,
Director, Prisoners of War.

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Our File No. 2966-40C.

Ottawa, June 9th, 1945.

To: The Department of National Defence, Army (POW)
O t t a w a.

I refer to your letter of 23rd May (your file reference HQS.7236-91-7 PW(B) in which you enclosed a number of pictures for transmission to the Consul General of Spain for his personal album. The pictures were ones taken by the Count of Morales during a visit to Camp 101.

The pictures were forwarded to the Consul General and I have now received an acknowledgment and the thanks of that officer for same. In his letter, the Consul General states that at the time the pictures were taken, he informed Camp Officers at Camp 101 that he would let them have certain pictures of the officers themselves. He now asks that, "an appropriate number of prints of the Canadian Camp officers be forwarded to these gentlemen".

If there is no objection to these pictures going forward I should appreciate it if you would arrange that the prints be delivered as requested.

~~ALFRED RIVE~~
"Lester Stephens"
for the
Acting Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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Ottawa, May 26th, 1945.

Dear Count Morales:-

I have your letter No. 536 of 16th May, 1945 in which you ask that you be furnished with prints of snapshots taken by you at the Angler Internment Camp.

I have pleasure in forwarding a number of these prints which I have received from the Director, Prisoners of War.

Sincerely yours,

ALFRED RIVE

Of Interest

Count Morales,
Consul General of Spain,
1155 Metcalfe Street,
M o n t r e a l, Quebec.

CANADIAN LEGATION Embassy

WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 26/1945

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4 copies - Treasury department Press Release, May 25,

Regulations reestablishing the freezing controls in the Philippine Islands

Copies to: 1) Curtis
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The Under Secretary of State

for External Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

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Washington

FOR RELEASE, MORNING NEWSPAPERS,
Friday, May 25, 1945.
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Press Service
No. 46-30

Regulations reestablishing the freezing controls in the liberated portions of the Philippine Islands were issued today by the Treasury Department. The regulations also provide for the relaxation of the controls in this country over Philippine assets which were imposed by reason of the Japanese occupation of the Islands.

The freezing controls in the Philippine Islands were withdrawn during the early days of the Japanese invasion by the issuance of Executive Order No. 8998 and Public Circular No. 11. At the same time all Philippine assets in this country were frozen and the Philippine Islands were declared to be a blocked country under the freezing regulations. By the provisions of General Ruling No. 18, issued today, the liberated portions of the Islands no longer are regarded as blocked areas and are again treated as part of the United States for the purposes of freezing control. Consequently, the freezing regulations are now in effect in the liberated portions of the Philippine Islands, and Treasury licenses must be obtained to engage in transactions in the Islands which involve nationals of blocked countries. The freezing regulations will be administered in the Islands by the Philippine Office of Foreign Funds Control which is now being established in Manila.

Under today's regulations, persons in the Philippines who prior to the Japanese occupation were not blocked will be enabled to deal freely in any of their assets located in the liberated portions of the Islands. However, as a protective measure, their assets held outside of the Islands will remain blocked for the time being and may not be dealt with except pursuant to Treasury license. This limitation will not apply to assets acquired subsequent to the issuance of the regulations. There are no restrictions on the manner in which funds may be remitted to them, and currency or checks may be used for this purpose. As long as their blocked funds in this country are not involved, they are entitled to the same rights and privileges as United States citizens generally and may freely deal with persons in any part of the United States.

One important feature of the reestablishment of the freezing controls in the liberated portions of the Philippine Islands is a provision prohibiting the exportation from those areas to any other part of the United States or to any foreign country of

gold, silver, currency, financial instruments, powers of attorney and certain other instruments, except under express authorization from the Treasury. This provision will afford an opportunity for screening such instruments before they leave the Islands to guard against the completion of transactions effected under duress or which may otherwise have been of benefit to the enemy. It was emphasized that licenses will be issued covering legitimate trade, business and other transactions and every effort will be made to cause the least possible interference with normal financial dealings between the Islands and the mainland.

In conjunction with the reinstatement of the freezing controls in the Philippine Islands, the Treasury Department revoked General Ruling No. 10A, thus lifting the moratorium on the enforcement of claims against Philippine companies which had been in effect since August 12, 1942.

It was emphasized that the recent moratorium declared by President Osmena is not affected by this revocation.

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CANADA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE No. HQS 7236-91-7 PW(B)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY

OTTAWA, 23 May 45.

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Department of External Affairs,
Special Division (PW),
OTTAWA, Ontario.

With reference to the request from the Consul General of Spain for copies of certain pictures of Camp 101 (Angler) for his personal photo album, please find enclosed, herewith, a number of such photographs which have the approval of this Department for transmission to him for the above-mentioned purpose only and not for official purposes.

H. N. Streight

(H. N. Streight),
Colonel,
Director, Prisoners of War.

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Ottawa, May 17th, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note of May 10th, 1945 in which you brought to the attention of this Department, a request made to you by the Spokesman for Japanese nationals at New Denver, B.C. regarding the field of activity of your Delegation in behalf of Japanese nationals in Canada.

It is noted that the first concern of the Spokesman is that the termination of the Protectinn of Japanese interests by Spain has left Japanese nationals without any means of communication with the Japanese Government. I think it may safely be assumed that, in the very near future, arrangements will have been made by the Japanese Government for the representation of Japanese interests in Canada. There would be no objection to your replying to the Spokesman at New Denver, to the effect that it may be taken for granted that the Japanese Government are in process of making arrangements for the representation of their interests in this Country.

I need not assure you that the Canadian authorities will continue to give you every possible facility to enable you to carry out your function as Delegate of the International Red Cross.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Acting Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

The Delegate in Canada of the
International Committee of the Red Cross,
74 Sparks Street,
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