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WORD FROM THE TOP WAS CONFIRMED BY THE OFFICIAL REP OF THE FRENCH GOVT, MR DUVILLARD VETERANS MINISTER, WHO TOLD MR CADIEUX THAT GEN DEGAULLE HAD PERSONALLY GONE OVER THE WHOLE PROGRAMME IN DETAIL.

4. IN ADDITION, MR DUVILLARD EXPLAINED TO ME THAT THE FRENCH GOVT WERE USING THIS AND OTHER SIMILAR OCCASIONS TO TRANSMIT TO THE NEXT GENERATION SOMETHING OF WHAT THE WAR HAD MEANT AND WHY IT HAD BEEN FOUGHT. THE GOVT HAD BEEN SHOCKED TO LEARN FROM A RECENT PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY THAT ONLY HALF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF FRANCE HAD ANY CLEAR IDEA WHO HITLER WAS, STILL LESS WHAT HE STOOD FOR. THEY WERE MAKING AN EFFORT TO CORRECT THIS IGNORANCE, FOR EXAMPLE BY SUBSIDIZING WAR FILMS. SO THEY HAD THEIR OWN REASONS FOR PLAYING UP THE DIEPPE ANNIVERSARY.

5. ALTHOUGH IT WAS OF COURSE NEVER STATED AS A REASON, I CANNOT RPT NOT HELP FEELING THAT ANOTHER ELEMENT WAS THE WISH TO ERASE THE DAMAGE DONE BY VIMY AND TO EMPHASIZE THAT, IN SPITE OF THE RECENT NON VISIT TO OTT, OFFICIAL FRANCE DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT RELATIONS WITH CDA TO DETERIORATE. WITH ONE NOTABLE EXCEPTION, A MUCH MORE POSITIVE STATEMENT OF THE POSITION COULD BE MADE

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RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

Meeting of August 2nd, 1967.

Dieppe Ceremonies

The Cabinet noted the report of the Minister of  
Veterans Affairs with regard to the Dieppe Ceremonies.

D. J. LEACH

D.J. Leach  
Supervisor of Cabinet Documents.

Privy Council Office,  
August 14th, 1967.



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RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

Meeting of July 26th, 1967

Dieppe Celebrations

The Cabinet agreed that the arrangements for participation in the Dieppe ceremony in August should be continued on the basis of the plans that had already been made unless any new action by France made a change of plan necessary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. Leach'.

D.J. Leach,  
Supervisor of Cabinet Documents.

August 3rd, 1967.

MESSAGE

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MR. Bell 5/13

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DIEPPE CEREMONY

GROUP CAPT EMOND IS PLANNING TO RETURN TO LDN  
JUL 24 AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT JOINT RECONNAISSANCE OF DIEPPE TAKE  
PLACE JUL 26, 27 OR 28. PLEASE CONSULT BRITISH AUTHORITIES AND  
EMBPARIS AND, IF ONE OF THESE DATES IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES  
CONCERNED, PLEASE CONFIRM WITH SOUS PREFET DIEPPE THROUGH EMBPARIS.

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DIEPPE CEREMONY

AS YOU KNOW JOINT CDN-BRIT RECONNAISSANCE OF DIEPPE AREA WHICH HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR JUL5-6 WAS POSTPONED FOR LACK OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM QUAL. WE UNDERSTAND LIMITED AUTHORIZATION WAS IN FACT GRANTED ON EVENING OF JUL6 BUT BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME AVAILABLE BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED RETURN TO CDA GROUP CAPTAIN EMOND WAS OBLIGED TO MAKE PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE ON HIS OWN.

2. IN MEANTIME BOTH CDA AND BRIT HAVE RECEIVED FULL AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS(EMBPARI TEL 2094 JUL 7) AND BRITS ASSUME JOINT RECONNAISSANCE DESIGNED TO CLARIFY PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS CAN NOW PROCEED. WE UNDERSTAND GROUP CAPTAIN EMOND WILL SHORTLY BE RETURNING TO FRANCE AND BRITS HAVE SUGGESTED IN INTEREST OF EARLY SOLUTION THAT JOINT RECONNAISSANCE OF DIEPPE CEREMONY TAKE PLACE ON WED JUL19.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER THIS DATE SUITS GROUP CAPTAIN EMONDS ITINERARY.

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July 4, 1967.

Mr. Beetz *JB*  
Mr. Lalonde

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Dieppe Ceremony-Telegrams

The reason I have been sending these to you is so that we are certain to avoid another Vimy situation. I have also been sending them to Marc Lalonde. If to either of you there appears at any time the slightest chance of things going sour, please sound the alarm to Mr. Robertson and the Prime Minister.

I understand that Mr. Gotlieb will be keeping an eye on the affair from the point of view of External Affairs.

*Return to Mr. P. Field  
I have the copies  
M.L.*

*[Signature]*  
P.M.P.

c.c. - Mr. Gotlieb

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DIEPPE CEREMONY

THANK YOU FOR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FRENCH REPLY AND  
FOR COMMENTS IN YOUR PARA 5. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU KEEP  
QUAI POSTED ON LOCAL RECONNAISSANCE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY  
DONE SO.

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DIEPPE CEREMONY

WE ARE UNCERTAIN HOW TO INTERPRET PHRASING OF POINT(A) IN REFTEL  
ABOUT BRIT PARTICIPATION.

2. FO INFORMS US THEY SENT INSTRUCTION TO BRIT EMB PARIS LATE LAST  
NIGHT JUN28 SUGGESTING AMBASSADOR GET IN TOUCH WITH CDN AMBASSADOR  
TO DISCUSS MOST APPROPRIATE MANNER IN WHICH BRITS SHOULD APPROACH  
FRENCH AUTHORITIES ABOUT BRIT PARTICIPATION IN DIEPPE CEREMONY.  
SUBJ TO THIS CONSULTATION BRIT AMBASSADOR IS INSTRUCTED TO RAISE  
QUESTION OF BRIT PARTICIPATION WITH QUAI AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.  
LORD MOUNTBATTEN HAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT GEN DEGAULLE BE INFORM-  
ED OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS BRIT FORCES REP. THIS WILL BE BROUGHT TO  
QUAIS ATTN AT SAME TIME BY BRIT AMBASSADOR RATHER THAN BY MOUNTBATT-  
EN WRITING DIRECT.

3. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING AND WE BELIEVE IT IS ALSO BRIT UNDER-  
STANDING THAT CDA AND UK SHOULD MAKE SEPARATE BUT COORDINATED ARR-  
ANGEMENTS FOR DIEPPE CEREMONY. TIME IS GETTING VERY SHORT AND BRITS  
CAN HARDLY HOPE FOR OFFICIAL AUTHORITY TO MAKE EARLY RECONNAISSANCE  
IN DIEPPE IF THEY HAVE NOT RPT NOT PREVIOUSLY SOUGHT FORMAL AUTHO-  
RITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONY. ADDITIONALLY THERE HAS BEEN SPE-  
CULATION THAT ONE OF REASONS FOR FRENCH DELAY IN REPLYING TO CDN

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APPROACH OF JUN12 MAY BE CONNECTED WITH FRENCH REALIZATION THAT  
BRITS ARE ALSO INVOLVED BUT HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET APPLIED TO FRENCH  
GOVT. BRITS NOW BELIEVE LITTLE FURTHER PROGRESS CAN BE EXPECTED ON  
THIS MATTER UNTIL THEY SEEK FORMAL AUTHORIZATION OF FRENCH GOVT  
FOR BRIT PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONY.

4. IF YOU WOULD PREFER BRIT APPROACH TO BE POSTPONED PLEASE INSTRUCT  
SOONEST.

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DIEPPE CEREMONY

UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO BRIT APPROACH  
BEING MADE IN MANNER DESCRIBED IN YOUR REFTL IE SUBJ TO CONSULT-  
ATION WITH CDN AMBASSADOR PARIS.

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DIEPPE CEREMONY

G/C RE EMOND ACCOMPANIED BY COL ALAN CHAMBERS DVA ATTACHE AND BY CDA  
HOUSE REP ATTENDED MTG THIS MORNING JUN27 AT BRIT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
OF SUB CTTEE ENGAGED IN COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIEPPE  
CEREMONY UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF AP MONTEATH OF MOD.MTG WAS ATTENDED  
BY BARRATT PRIVATE SECRETARY TO LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN AS WELL AS  
HIS AIDE DE CAMP ROYAL MARINE CAPT COLEBY.

2.ALTROUGH MTG WAS SUPPOSEDLY CONVENED TO DISCUSS WITH MOUNTBATTENS  
STAFF CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE CEREMONY AS FAR AS LORD LOUIS  
WAS CONCERNED MTG BROADENED WHEN TWO OVERSIGHTS IN BRIT PLANNING  
ARRANGEMENTS WERE REVEALED.BRITS HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET FORMALLY APPRO-  
ACHED FRENCH GOVT ABOUT THEIR PART IN PROPOSED CEREMONY;AND LORD  
MOUNTBATTEN CONTEMPLATED ARRIVING DIEPPE AROUND NOON AUG19 AND  
DEPARTING ABOUT 1630 SAME DAY.

3.ANTHONY CHAMIER FO REP INFORMED CTTEE THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW  
BRIT NAVAL ATTACHE IN PARIS HAD BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF DRAFT PROGRAM-  
ME AND SOME DETAILS OF OTHER PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS BUT THAT BRIT  
EMB HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN REQUESTED TO APPROACH FRENCH GOVT ABOUT  
BRIT PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL CEREMONY CONTEMPLATED FOR 25TH ANNI-  
VERSARY.WE CONFIRMED CDN EMB PARIS HAD ALREADY TAKEN THIS STEP AS

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FAR AS CDN PARTICIPATION IS CONCERNED AND THAT OFFICIAL REPLY HAD NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.FO REP UNDERTOOK TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH BRIT EMB PARIS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.MOUNTBATTEN HAS OFFERED TO WRITE DIRECT TO PRESIDENT DEGAULLE IF THIS WOULD BE CONSIDERED HELPFUL.

4.LORD MOUNTBATTENS SECRETARY STATED THAT WHEN ACCEPTING INVITATION TO REPRESENT BRIT ARMED FORCES AT DIEPPE CEREMONY MOUNTBATTEN IN LET DATED APR11 HAD CLEARLY STATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR TRAVELLING FROM IRELAND TO DIEPPE AND RETURNING SAME DAY.THERE WERE GOOD REASONS FOR THIS.LORD MOUNTBATTEN NORMALLY LED VERY ACTIVE LIFE AND WOULD IN FACT BE LEAVING FOR CDA JUL5 TO OPEN CALGARY STAMPEDE AND TO ATTEND SEVERAL ROYAL CDN LEGION MTGS.HE HAD EARLY PLANNED TO TAKE OVERDUE HOLIDAY DURING AUG AT HIS PLACE IN IRELAND AND WOULD PREFER THAT HIS PRESENCE AT DIEPPE CEREMONY NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE COMPLICATIONS OF OVERNIGHT STOP IN ENGLAND OR FRANCE ENROUTE.BARRATT WENT ON TO SAY ROYAL NAVY WOULD BE PROVIDING MOUNTBATTEN WITH HERON TYPE AIRCRAFT WHICH INVOLVED FLYING TIME OF ABOUT THREE AND ONE QUARTER HOURS FROM IRELAND TO FRANCE AND A HELICOPTER CONNECTION FROM CLOSEST SUITABLE AIRFIELD WOULD TAKE ADDITIONAL TIME.BARRATT ESTIMATED TOTAL TRAVEL-  
LING TIME FROM IRELAND TO DIEPPE WOULD BE ABOUT FOUR HOURS TEN MINUTES WHICH MADE IT UNLIKELY THAT MOUNTBATTEN COULD PARTICIPATE MUCH BEFORE NOON ON AUG19.

5.CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION THEN ENSUED BETWEEN MONTEATH AND BARRATT ON WHY MOUNTBATTENS LET OF APR11 HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY

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TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. CDN REPS MADE CLEAR THEY WERE UNAWARE OF LET AND OF ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED THEREIN.

6. MONTEATH ATTEMPTED TO DUCK RESPONSIBILITY ON THIS POINT BUT BARRATT PRESSED TO HAVE PROPOSED PROGRAMME AMENDED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MOUNTBATTEN TO ATTEND PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AROUND NOON AND THEREAFTER. DRAFT PROGRAMME WAS THEN REVIEWED. IT WAS AGREED THAT PROGRAMME HAD BEEN PREPARED BY FRENCH LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON BASIS OF EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES AND ANY CHANGES WOULD NECESSARILY INVOLVE CONSULTING FRENCH AUTHORITIES. ADDITIONALLY A RESCHEDULING OF COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT CIMETIERE DES VERTUS FROM 0915 HRS TO 1230 HRS AS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY WOULD DISRUPT ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING MOVEMENT OF PARTICIPANTS FROM THIS CENTRAL CEREMONY TO LANDING SITES ON BEACHES IN DIEPPE AND NEIGHBOURING TOWNS. POSSIBILITY OF RESCHEDULING RELIGIOUS CEREMONY FROM 1015 TO 1200 HRS WAS ALSO EXAMINED AT SUGGESTION OF SECRETARY BUT THIS WAS TENTATIVELY ABANDONED BECAUSED IT IS PRIMARILY FRENCH FUNCTION.

7. BARRATT EVENTUALLY AGREED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER MOUNTBATTEN DESPITE HIS PREVIOUS STIPULATIONS COULD ARRIVE ON FRI AUG18 STAYING OVERNIGHT AT LETOUQUET AND PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONY FROM 0915 ON SAT UNTIL CONCLUSION OF MILITARY PARADE AT 1630. ALTERNATIVE SEEMED TO BE THAT MOUNTBATTEN ARRIVE AS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED AT 1230, PROCEED TO SUB PREFECTURE WHERE HE COULD JOIN MOTORCADE AT FRENCH WAR MEMORIAL AT 1245, DEPOSIT WREATH AND PROCEED TO CASINO FOR OFFICIAL LUNCHEON AT WHICH HE COULD MAKE SPEECH, LATER ATTENDING MILITARY

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PARADE BEFORE RETURNING TO IRELAND. THIS DISCUSSION TOOK OVER HOUR AND HALF.

8. WE HAVE SINCE HEARD FROM FO THAT MOUNTBATTEN REACTED UNFAVOURABLY TO BARRATT'S PHONED ACCOUNT OF MTG. HE IS DISINCLINED TO ALTER HIS TRAVEL PLANS SO AS TO ARRIVE EVENING BEFORE CEREMONY. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER YOU MIGHT AGREE TO ANY PROGRAMME ALTERATIONS BEING MADE TO MEET MOUNTBATTEN'S TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, SAY BY MOVING RELIGIOUS CEREMONY FORWARD TO 1200. IN OUR VIEW HOWEVER NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS QUESTION, IF CDN APPROVAL IS GIVEN, SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN BRIT AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES SINCE MOUNTBATTEN IS BRIT FORCES REP AND PRINCIPAL CDN CEREMONY AT 0915 WILL NOT RPT NOT BE AFFECTED.

9. MOUNTBATTEN'S SECRETARY WAS DISINCLINED TO GIVE MTG ANY DETAILS OF THEME OR SUBJECT OF MOUNTBATTEN'S SPEECH EXCEPT TO SEEK ADVICE ON WHETHER IT SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN ENGLISH AND/OR FRENCH. HE EVENTUALLY DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT MOUNTBATTEN DELIVER SPEECH APPROX HALF AND HALF IN BOTH LANGUAGES. WE LATER LEARNED MOUNTBATTEN WAS THINKING OF APPROACHING FRENCH AMBASSADOR ABOUT TRANSLATING PORTIONS OF HIS SPEECH. FO HAS HOWEVER GIVEN STRONG CAVEAT ABOUT APPROACHING FRENCH AMBASSADOR BEFORE DEMARCHE IS MADE TO QUAI BY BRIT EMB IN PARIS.

10. BRITS HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET DECIDED ON OFFICIAL REPS. SOME THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO INVITING BOYDEN PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARY (JUNIOR MINISTER) OF MOD TO LEAD DEL FROM LDN. BRIT AMBASSADOR PARIS

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WOULD PROBABLY PARTICIPATE AND WOULD HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER GOVT REP BOYDEN AND OVER MOUNTBATTEN WHO WOULD BE REPRESENTING BRIT ARMED FORCES.

11. IT WAS APPARENT FROM DISCUSSION THAT LITTLE FURTHER PROGRESS CAN BE ANTICIPATED ON ADMIN DETAILS UNTIL RECONNAISSANCE CAN BE MADE ON GROUND IN DIEPPE. BRITS ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RECONNAISSANCE AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE TENTATIVELY MADE FOR BRITS AND CDN REPS TO MEET IN DIEPPE ON JUL5. G/C EMOND WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS BEFOREHAND WITH CDN EMB PARIS LATER THIS WEEK TO SEEK THEIR ADVICE ON WHETHER PRIOR OFFICIAL FRENCH PERMISSION IS ESSENTIAL OR WHETHER IN ABSENCE OF FRENCH REPLY RECONNAISSANCE CAN BE MADE PRIVATELY, AS TOURISTS, WITHOUT CONTACTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR ADVICE ON THIS LATTER POINT BY FRI JUN30 WHEN G/C EMOND WILL BE IN PARIS AND ALSO TO KNOW WHETHER YOU THINK ANYTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT EXISTING PROGRAMME TO ACCOMMODATE MOUNTBATTENS PROPOSED TRAVEL PLANS.

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25E ANNIVERSAIRE DE DIEPPE

AU COURS DE CES DERNIERS JOURS NOUS AVONS RAPPELE A DURAND,CHEF  
DU PROTOCOLE,ET JURGENSEN,DIRECTEUR D'AMERIQUE,L'IMPORTANCE QUE NOUS  
ATTACHIONS A CE QU'UNE DECISION SOIT PRISE AU SUJET DES CEREMONIES  
DU 25E ANNIVERSAIRE DU RAID SUR DIEPPE LE PLUS TOT POSSIBLE.

LUN ET L'AUTRE NOUS ONT PROMIS UNE REPONSE POUR BIENTOT.

2.AUJOURDHUI JAI EGALEMENT SAISI LE MINISTRE DES ANCIENS COMBATT-  
ANTS,MONSIEUR HENRI DUVILLARD,DE CETTE AFFAIRE DANS LES TERMES DEJA  
EMPLOYES LORS DE MON RENDEZ-VOUS AVEC DURAND LE 12 JUN DERNIER.

MALGRE TOUT NOTRE EFFORT JE DOIS AVOUER QUE M DUVILLARD NETAIT  
PAS ENCORE SAISI DES DETAILS DU PROGRAMME ET QU'IL NA DONC PAS PU  
ME DONNER DE REPONSE DEFINITIVE QUANT A SAVOIR SIL ETAIT ACCEP-  
TABLE OU NON RPT NON AU GOVT FRANCAIS.DE SON COTE IL MA EGALEMENT  
PROMIS UNE REPONSE RAPIDE.IL FAUT AVOUER CEPENDANT QUE LA COOR-  
DINATION ENTRE LES SERVICES FRANCAIS INTERESSES,CEST-A-DIRE  
MINISTERES DE L'INTERIEUR,DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS ET DES AFFAIRES  
ETRANGERES EST FORT MAL FAITE.

3.M DUVILLARD MA DIT COMBIEN IL AURAIT ETE HEUREUX LUI-MEME DE  
POUVOIR SE RENDRE A DIEPPE POUR Y ACCUEILLIR LE MINISTRE CDN QUI  
Y VIENDRA MAIS QU'IL EN SERAIT PROBABLEMENT EMPECHE,AUQUEL CAS IL

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*Mr. Leger* *Conseiller* *Sussex Drive*  
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NE RPT NE DOUTAIT PAS QUE LE GOVT FRANCAIS SOIT REPRESENTÉ DUNE PART PAR LE PREFET DE LA REGION ET D'AUTRE PART PAR UN HAUT FONCTIONNAIRE DE SON MINISTERE. (IL FAUT ADMETTRE QUE LA DATE DU 19 AOUT TOMBE ASSEZ MAL POUR LES MEMBRES DU CABINET DU GEN DE GAULLE QUI D'HABITUDE NE RPT NE PERMET QU'UNE EXCEPTION A LA REGLE DES REUNIONS MINISTERIELLES DU MER, CELLE DE LA SEMAINE DU 15 AOUT. LES MINISTRES ONT DONC TENDANCE A PROFITER DE CETTE SEMAINE DE VACANCES DE LA UNE DES DIFFICULTES A OBTENIR QUE LA REPRESENTATION FRANCAISE SOIT AU NIVEAU MINISTERIEL POUR CETTE CEREMONIE).

4. NOUS VOUS TIENDRONS AU COURANT DES DEVELOPPEMENTS.

5. EN REPONSE A LA QUESTION POSEE DANS VOTRE TEL PRECITE JE NE RPT NE VOIS AUCUNE OBJECTION A CE QUE LES NEGOCIATIONS SE POURSUIVENT CIT A TITRE PRIVE FINCIT AVEC LES AUTORITES LOCALES ETANT BIEN ENTENDU CEPENDANT QU'UNE DECISION FINALE NE RPT NE PEUT ETRE PRISE AVANT QUE LE GOVT FRANCAIS NAIT DONNE SON APPROBATION DE PRINCIPE

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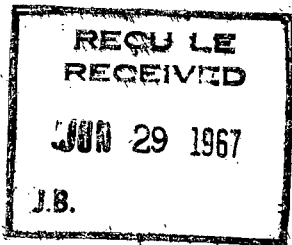
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REF YOURTEL 3521 JUN 28  
SUB/SUJ DIEPPE CEREMONY

THANK YOU FOR REPORT YOUR REFTEL ON MTG WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS. MATTER RAISED IN FINAL PARA HAS BEEN PUT TO EMBPARIS IN OURTEL S829 JUN 28. MEANWHILE FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS ON QUESTIONS INVOLVING BRITISH PARTICIPATION: (A) RE YOUR PARA 2, IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT BRITISH WILL NOT RPT NOT FORMALLY APPROACH FRENCH GOVT UNTIL FRENCH REPLY TO OUR AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH IN PARIS JUN 12 HAS BEEN RECEIVED; (B) RE YOUR PARA 3, FOR THE SAME REASON WE DO NOT THINK, IF OUR ADVICE IS ASKED, THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR TIME BEING FOR MOUNTBATTEN TO WRITE DIRECT TO DE GAULLE; (C) RE YOUR PARA 8, NEGOTIATIONS ON BRITISH PART OF PROGRAMME SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, AS YOU SAY, BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES; QUESTION OF CDN APPROVAL IS NOT AS WE SEE IT INVOLVED PROVIDED CDN PART OF PROGRAMME IS NOT AFFECTED.

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DIEPPE CEREMONY

GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHEN FRENCH REPLY TO YOUR APPROACH CAN BE EXPECTED. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM LDN TEL 3521 JUN 28 THAT LOCAL RECONNAISSANCE IN DIEPPE IS BECOMING OF INCREASING URGENCY. WE HAVE SO FAR ASSUMED THAT WE SHOULD AWAIT FORMAL FRENCH APPROVAL BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH DETAILED CONSULTATIONS WITH DIEPPE AUTHORITIES. IF SUCH APPROVAL IS LIKELY TO BE DELAYED HOWEVER WE THINK BEST SOLUTION <sup>might</sup> WOULD BE PRIVATE RECONNAISSANCE WITHOUT CONTACT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AS SUGGESTED IN LDN'S REFTEL, PROVIDED <sup>Quai</sup> YOU AGREE.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY DIEPPE

AT REQUEST OF HIS DEPT LAST WEEK OUR DVA ATTACHE CANCELLED HIS  
RECONNAISSANCE TRIP TO DIEPPE ON WHICH HE WAS DUE TO LEAVE TODAY.

WE UNDERSTAND FIRM ADVICE IS TO REACH US ABOUT PROPOSED COORDINATION  
OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIEPPE CEREMONY BY EMBPARIS.

2.YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED BOTH FOR  
OUR LIAISON WITH BRIT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND ALSO FOR HANDLING OF  
CDN PRESS WHO ARE LIKELY AT ANY TIME TO RAISE QUESTION OF LORD  
MOUNTBATTENS ATTENDANCE.WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WHILE KEPT IN  
THE PICTURE(WITH INFO COPIES OF TELS OR LETS)WE COULD REDIRECT  
SOONEST POSSIBLE SUCH ENQUIRIES TO EMBPARIS OR TO COMPETENT DEPT  
IN OTT.

3.IN LIGHT OF SSEAS GUIDANCE TEL S653 JUN8 SHOULD WE ASSUME  
DM/DVA REMAINS PRINCIPAL CONTACT IN OTT FOR PRESS OR OTHER  
ENQUIRIES?PLEASE CONFIRM.

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DIEPPE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

BRIT NAVAL ATTACHE, CAPTAIN KEATE, CALLED US THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT ON HIS VISIT HERE YESTERDAY LORD MOUNTBATTEN CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD BEEN INVITED(HE DID NOT RPT NOT SAY BY WHOM)TO ATTEND THE DIEPPE CEREMONY AUG19 AND HAD ACCEPTED. HE WAS INTENDING TO MAKE THIS A GREAT OCCASION, TO SPEAK IN FRENCH AND TO REVEAL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC WHY THE PLANNERS HAD DECIDED TO CARRY OUT THE DIEPPE RAID AND WHAT THEY LEARNED FM IT.

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FOLLOWING IS DRAFT PROGRAMME MENTIONED IN  
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DIEPPE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

BRIT NAVAL ATTACHE(CPAT KEATE) CALLED ON US TODAY AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS DIEPPE CEREMONY. PURPOSE OF CALL, HE SAID, WAS TO REVIEW WITH US WHERE MATTERS NOW STOOD BUT HE HIMSELF WAS NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO ADD ANYTHING OF SUBSTANCE BEYOND DETAILS OF ADMIN AND PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS BEING WORKED OUT ON BRIT MILITARY NETWORK.

2. ACCORDING TO KEATE, BRIT EMB HERE HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CENTRAL FRENCH AUTHORITIES EXCEPT TO MAKE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS ROUTINE REQUEST FOR DIPLO CLEARANCE AND BERTHING FACILITIES FOR DESTROYER QUOTE DELIGHT UNQUOTE WHICH WOULD BE PRESENT FOR CEREMONY. BRIT AMBASSADOR HAD RECEIVED INVITATION TO ATTEND CEMONY FROM MAYOR OF DIEPPE AND HAD REPLIED IN NON RPT NON COMMITTAL TERMS.

3. MEANWHILE PLANNING WAS GOING AHEAD IN LDN FOR ATTENDANCE OF ROYAL MARINE BAND AND GUARD WHICH KEATE THOUGHT MIGHT TOTAL ABOUT 100 MEN. HE HAD NO RPT NO WORD ABOUT MOUNTBATTENS ATTENDANCE EXCEPT IN INTERNAL COMMUNICATION DATING BACK TO JAN WHICH SUGGESTED MOUNTBATTEN MIGHT NOT RPT NOT ATTEND. THIS IS EVIDENTLY SUPERSEDED BY INFO IN LDN REFTTEL. KEATE ALSO NOTED THAT MOUNTBATTEN WAS IN PARIS TODAY FOR ANOTHER CEREMONY; KEATE WOULD NOT RPT NOT RAISE DIEPPE

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WITH MOUNTBATTEN BUT WAS NOT RPT NOT QUITE CLEAR WHAT HE SHOULD SAY IF LATTER DID HIMSELF.

4. WE LTD OURSELVES TO COMMENT THAT WE HOPED, SUBJECT TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, TO BE ABLE TO RAISE MATTER WITH FRENCH AS HOST GOVT IN ORDER TO HAVE CLEAR IDEA OF THEIR ATTITUDE TO CEREMONY, AND WHETHER THEY WISHED TO JOIN WITH US IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, BEFORE PLANNING ADVANCED ANY FURTHER. WE SAED WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH BRIT EMB WHEN WE HAD HEARD FROM YOU.

5. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR COMMENTS ON POINTS RAISED IN OUR REFTL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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cc: Mr. R.G. Robertson  
Mr. Marc Lalonde

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June 7, 1967.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Re: Battle of Dieppe - 25th Anniversary  
Commemorative Ceremony

Because of the difficulties which arose in relation to the holding of commemorative ceremonies at Vimy, France, on April 9 of this year, it was felt desirable that representatives of the Prime Minister's Office, the Department of External Affairs, the Department of National Defence and the Department of Veterans Affairs should review arrangements that had been made to date with regard to the ceremony to be held at Dieppe, France, on August 19, 1967, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the landing. With this in mind, the following attended a meeting in the Department of Veterans Affairs on May 9:

Mr. Elgin Armstrong, Deputy Minister, from the Department of National Defence;

Mr. Marcel Cadieux, Under-Secretary, and Mr. John Halstead, Head of the European Division, from the Department of External Affairs;

Mr. J.S. Hodgson, from the Prime Minister's Office; and

Mr. Paul Pelletier, Deputy Minister, and Mr. F.T. Mace, Assistant Deputy Minister, from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since the end of World War II, the local French authorities have organized annually a commemorative ceremony to mark the anniversary of the Dieppe raid. This has been, essentially, a French ceremony at which Canada has usually been represented on a relatively modest scale.

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Because this year marks the 25th anniversary of the raid, and because it was known that a number of Canadian regimental associations were planning organized pilgrimages, the Department of Veterans Affairs' London representative, Colonel Alan Chambers, wrote Mr. J. Juilhard, Sous-Prefet of Dieppe, on December 22, 1966, inquiring as to French plans for this year and suggesting an early meeting. Mr. Juilhard readily agreed and a meeting was held in Dieppe on January 4, which was attended by the Sous-Prefet, the Mayor of Dieppe, the President of the Syndicat de l'Hotellerie de Dieppe and by Mr. Chambers. At this meeting a program was drawn up and, subsequently, was submitted to the British Ministry of Defence Ceremonials Committee by Mr. Chambers who, throughout, has acted as liaison between the local French authorities at Dieppe and the British military authorities.

In February and March of this year, the draft program (copy attached as Appendix A) was approved by the three parties concerned at the level referred to above. At the same time, it was understood that the Sous-Prefet of Dieppe would transmit the program to the French Ministry of the Interior for consideration and approval and that this program would not become official until it had been made so by the French Government. To date it is not known whether in fact the proposed program has been submitted to the Ministry of the Interior nor indeed what reaction can be expected from the French Government.

Since 1967 marks the 25th anniversary of the Dieppe raid, the ceremonies to be held at Dieppe on August 19 will be somewhat more elaborate, at least from the point of view of Canadian and British participation, than has been the case in the past. In our view, the ceremony this year will none the less remain, as it always has been, an essentially French ceremony in which we and the British participate.

At the moment, the Department of Veterans Affairs proposes that the official Canadian delegation be headed by the Minister of Veterans Affairs or some other member of the government and that a Canadian Guard of Honour of one hundred men and a band be provided by the Canadian Forces in Europe. It is understood that the British plan to have a destroyer sail to Dieppe for the occasion and also intend to provide a Military Guard of fifty men to represent the British

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Commandos and another Guard of fifty men to represent the Navy.

Naturally none of these plans can be considered firm and no final decisions can be taken until the formal approval of the French Government has been obtained. It is therefore recommended that the Canadian Ambassador to France now be instructed to approach the French authorities in order to inform them that a draft programme for a special ceremony at Dieppe on August 19 has been prepared locally, to ask whether the proposed Canadian participation meets with their approval and to request their views on the nature of the ceremony (e.g., do they agree to treat it as an essentially French ceremony with Canadian and British participation, or do they wish to adopt some other formula?). In the light of their answers to these questions we can then decide what the level of Canadian representation should be and how the proposed British participation should be handled. A telegram to our Embassy in Paris along these lines is attached for approval.

This memorandum is concurrently being submitted to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Veterans Affairs and the Associate Minister of National Defence, as well as to you, for consideration and approval.

J. S. HODGSON

J.S. Hodgson.

Attach.

25th ANNIVERSARY - BATTLE OF DIEPPE

18/19th AUGUST 1967

APPENDIX A

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 18th AUGUST

NIGHT WATCH

A Night Watch will be held in the Canadian War Cemetery of Les Vertus, on the heights behind the City of Dieppe, commencing at night-fall. This is as organised every year by the French Veterans, Resistance Members, Deportees and former Prisoners, and is to commemorate those buried in the Cemetery.

It is suggested that Canadian and British Survivors of the Raid may wish to make a personal visit to the Cemetery containing the graves of their comrades from say 20.00 hours onwards and then participate in the Night Watch individually if they so desire.

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST

09.15 hours

COMMEMORATIVE  
CEREMONY

The Official Commemorative Ceremony will be held in the Canadian War Cemetery at Les Vertus in the presence of the Official Representatives of Canada, Great Britain and France, for the Canadian and British Survivors of the Battle, relatives of those who died and their friends. During the Ceremony, Addresses will be given by the Canadian and British Official Representatives.

10.15 hours

PUBLIC RELIGIOUS  
SERVICE

A public Religious Service organised by the Authorities of the City of Dieppe will be held in the open air on the Esplanade. It will be attended by the Official Representatives of the three Governments.

10.45 hours

VISIT TO ESPLANADE  
REGIMENTAL MEMORIALS

At the conclusion of the Religious Service, the Representatives of the three countries, together with the Survivors and Veterans of the Regiments concerned, walk together to each of the Regimental Memorials on the Esplanade and then to the Memorial erected by the City of Dieppe at the end of the Esplanade. At each of these Memorials, wreaths will be laid.

10.45 hours

At the conclusion of the Religious Service, the Veterans of those Regiments and Units having no Memorial on the Esplanade at Dieppe, will instead go to their main points of interest at Varangeville, Pourville, Puy or Berneval, as the case may be, to take part in such local Ceremonies as they may themselves have arranged.

11.15 hours

VISIT TO THE BEACHES

At the conclusion of their visit to the Regimental Memorials on the Esplanade, the Representatives will move in a procession of French military vehicles from the Esplanade at Dieppe to the other localities where Regimental Associations have arranged Ceremonies - as above. They will commence at the extreme West in Varangeville and work to the extreme East of the Landings, omitting the City of Dieppe.

This will enable the Official Representatives to take part in such Regimental Ceremonies, at the points noted, as the Units concerned have organised.

As they return to the City of Dieppe, the Representatives will stop at the Memorial to the French Dead and lay wreaths.

13.00 hours  
for 13.15 hours  
OFFICIAL LUNCHEON

An Official Luncheon will be given by the Authorities of the City of Dieppe at the Casino on the Esplanade.

16.00 hours  
MARCH THROUGH CITY

Commencing at the Esplanade, where the Salute will be taken by the Representatives of the three countries, the route will be through the City of Dieppe. Each contingent will consist of first their Band and then their Survivors followed by their Service detachment.

16.10 hours  
RAF FLY PAST

Royal Air Force fighters will fly past over the Esplanade.

16.15 hours  
RCAF POPPY DROP

Planes of the Royal Canadian Air Force will drop Flanders Poppies on the contingents marching through the City.

20.00 hours  
OFFICIAL RECEPTION  
AND BUFFET

This will be given by the Canadian Government to the Official Representatives and to the Veterans. It will take place in the Rotonde which is on the Esplanade opposite the Casino.

22.00 hours  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The City of Dieppe will give a Fireworks Display on the Esplanade.

22.30 hours

The City of Dieppe will give a Popular Ball at the Salle Municipale for the Veterans and the military contingents who have taken part in the day's events.



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APPENDIX B

FROM EXTERNAL OTT  
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SUB DIEPPE CEREMONY

SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II, THE LOCAL FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE ORGANIZED ANNUALLY A COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIEPPE RAID. THIS HAS BEEN, ESSENTIALLY, A FRENCH CEREMONY AT WHICH CDA HAS USUALLY BEEN REPRESENTED ON A RELATIVELY MODEST SCALE.

2. BECAUSE THIS YR MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAID, AND BECAUSE IT WAS KNOWN THAT A NUMBER OF CDN REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS WERE PLANNING ORGANIZED PILGRIMAGES, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS' LONDON REP, COL ALAN CHAMBERS, WROTE MR. J. JUILHARD, SOUS-PREFET OF DIEPPE, ON DEC 22, 1966, INQUIRING AS TO FRENCH PLANS FOR THIS YR AND SUGGESTING AN EARLY MTG. MR. JUILHARD READILY AGREED AND A MTG WAS HELD IN DIEPPE ON JAN 4, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE SOUS-PREFET, THE MAYOR OF DIEPPE, THE PRES OF THE SYNDICAT DE L'HOTELLERIE DE DIEPPE AND BY MR. CHAMBERS. AT THIS MEETING A PROGRAM WAS DRAWN UP AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE BY MR. CHAMBERS WHO, THROUGHOUT, HAS ACTED AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE LOCAL FRENCH AUTHORITIES AT DIEPPE AND THE BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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DIEPPE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

FROM RELIABLE SOURCE AT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE WE WERE ADVISED TODAY  
OF LORD MOUNTBATTENS ACCEPTANCE OF BRIT INVITATION TO ATTEND  
DIEPPE CEREMONY AS SENIOR BRIT MILITARY REP.

2.WE ASKED MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SOME TIME AGO TO WITHHOLD ANY  
APPROACH TO FRENCH AUTHORITIES(AND OF COURSE TO PRESS)ABOUT  
DIEPPE PROGRAMME UNTIL YOU HAD REACHED NECESSARY DECISIONS(SEE  
OUR REFTEL).WE ASUME THAT LORD MOUNTBATTENS PROPOSED ATTENDANCE  
WILL NOT RPT NOT FOR LONG ESCAPE ATTN OF JOURNALISTS.WE REALIZE  
MINISTERS CONCERNED IN OTT HAVE MANY MORE PRESSING SUBMISSIONS  
BEFORE THEM IN THE MIDST OF CURRENT MIDEAST TURMOIL.HOWEVER,EVEN  
IF NECESSARY DISCRETION IS OBSERVED ON CDN SIDE WE HAVE NO RPT NO  
ULTIMATE CONTROL ON BRIT(OR FRENCH)CO-PARTICIPANTS.YOUR ASSISTANCE  
IN HAVING INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
3.CHAMBERS HERE TELLS US HE IS SCHEDULED TO GO ON RECONNAISSANCE  
OF ON THE SPOT FACILITIES IN DIEPPE AREA JUN19.

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May 9, 1967.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Re: Dieppe

Today I went to a preliminary meeting with representatives of External Affairs, Veterans Affairs and National Defence, on plans for the observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid on August 19th.

For years the local authorities at Dieppe have been conducting commemorative ceremonies with small-scale Canadian participation. These local authorities have apparently been in touch with Veterans Affairs suggesting a much more elaborate ceremony this year and sending a draft programme for that Department's consideration.

Naturally in any plans made for Dieppe, our officials concerned will wish to keep in mind the sequence of events affecting the recent Vimy ceremony. There is probably little doubt that in any Dieppe ceremony the French would be the hosts, and Canadians and British would be participating guests. No formal steps have yet been taken from the Canadian side.

As a result of today's meeting, a memorandum is being prepared for the consideration of yourself and Messrs. Martin, Teillet and Hellyer. It will state the position rather more fully than the above, and will submit for your consideration a draft message to our Ambassador in Paris. Leger has already mentioned informally to Couve de Murville that we have been approached by the local French authorities. The suggested message would ask for some official indication of the position of the Quai d'Orsay and would indicate that if invited to participate, Canada would be prepared to respond on a considerable scale.

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We believe that the British will probably be taking parallel action to the Quai d'Orsay. You will recall that they have in mind being represented by Lord Mountbatten. In the Dieppe Raid the British participation included two marine groups, plus RN and RAF support.

The above is for your advance information.

J. S. HODGSON

J.S. Hodgson.

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cc: ~~Mr. R.G. Robertson~~  
Mr. Marc Lalonde

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DIEPPE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

DVA IN LDN INFORMED DVA OTI THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY BOOKED HOTEL  
ACCOMMODATION FOR DIEPPE CEREMONY. SUITE HAS BEEN BOOKED FOR MINISTER.  
CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN EXCHANGED WITH SYNDICAT HOTELIER DE DIEPPE.  
IN LIGHT OF REFTEL AND PARIS TEL 1194 OF APR28 YOU MAY WISH TO IN-  
TERVENE AS IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE ARE AGAIN GOING AHEAD WITH  
MATERIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT HAVING DECIDED NATURE OF CEREMONY,  
PROGRAMME OR PARTICIPATION

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DIEPPE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

BEFORE DISCUSSING A DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE DIEPPE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY WITH THE QUAI WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU ENVISAGE THIS OCCASION. IS IT TO BE A CDN AFFAIR OR FRANCE-CDA OR BRIT-FRANCE-CDA OR BRIT-CDA? HISTORICALLY MAINLY CDN FORCES WERE INVOLVED (ABOUT FOUR TO ONE BRIT). THOUGH FRENCH MIGHT WELL DECLINE BECAUSE SO FEW FRENCH FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN THE RAID, WE SHOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ASK FRENCH AUTHORITIES, IF YOU AGREE, WHETHER OR NOT RPT NOT THEY WOULD AS HOST GOVT LIKE TO TAKE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY WITH US OR WITH US AND THE BRIT.

2. FROM OUR INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PREPARATORY WORK THAT HAS BEEN BEGUN IN LDN WE ARE NOT RPT NOT SURE WHETHER BRIT REQUEST TO TAKE PART IN DIEPPE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY CDN AUTHORITIES. ASSUMING IT HAS, THEN FROM POINT OF VIEW OF FRANCE-CDA RELATIONS WE CAN SEE DISADVANTAGES IN BRIT BEING REPRESENTED AT THE CEREMONY AT A MILITARY LEVEL THAT BOTH FRANCE AND CDA WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MATCH. SIMPLEST SOLUTION, IF MATTERS HAVE NOT RPT NOT ALREADY GONE TOO FAR, MIGHT BE TO REVERT WITH FRENCH AGREEMENT TO CONCEPTION OF A PURELY CDN ANNIVERSARY WITH MODEST FRENCH AND

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BRIT PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER IF MOUNTBATTEN MUST COME IT IS IMPORTANT TO DECIDE SOON UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES HE COMES IE WHO SHOULD APPROACH THE FRENCH FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE. IF IT IS TO BE ESSENTIALLY CDN CEREMONY WE SHOULD MAKE THE APPROACH TO THE FRENCH BUT WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT RPT NOT DVA LDNS PRESENT EXPECTATION. SINCE COL CHAMBERS HAS ALREADY TALKED TO MAYOR OF DIEPPE ABOUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS, THE SOONER A MORE OFFICIAL APPROACH TO FRENCH GOVT CAN BE MADE THE BETTER.

3. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW SOON WHETHER A CDN MINISTER IS LIKELY TO TAKE PART IN THIS CEREMONY.\*\*\*

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25E ANNIVERSAIRE DE DIEPPE

AU COURS DE MON ENTRETIEN AVEC COUVE DE MURVILLE AUJOURDHUI JE LUI  
DIS COMBIEN VOUS AVIEZ TROUVE DESOLANTE LA PUBLICITE FAITE AUTOUR  
DE LINCIDENT DE VIMY ET QUEL MAL VOUS VOUS ETIEZ DONNE EN REPONDANT  
A DES QUESTIONS POSEES A LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES POUR QUE LES  
RELATIONS FRANCO-CDNNES EN SOUFFRENT LE MOINS POSSIBLE. LE MINISTRE  
ME REPONDIT QU'IL ETAIT EN EFFET AU COURANT DE LA SITUATION ET  
AJOUTA QUE QUELQUES QUESTIONS ETAIENT EGALEMENT INSCRITES AU  
FEUILLETON DE L'ASSEMBLEE NATIONALE AUXQUELLES IL REPONDRAIT DANS  
UN DIZAIN DE JOURS.

2. FAISANT ETAT DES CONVERSATIONS QUE J'AVAIS EUES AVEC VOUS LORS DE  
MON PASSAGE A OTT J'AJOUTAI QUE NOUS VOULIONS METTRE SUR PIED UNE  
PROCEDURE PLUS SATISFAISANTE POUR TOUTES LES CEREMONIES MILITAIRES  
AYANT UN CARACTERE CDN QUI SE TIENDRAIENT EN FRANCE CAR NOTRE  
INTENTION DANS CE DOMAINE ETAIT DE COOPERER PLEINEMENT AVEC LE  
GOVT FRANCAIS. AFIN DE VITER TOUT MALENTENDU JE LUI PROPOSAI DONC  
DE SOUMETTRE AU QUAI LE PROJET DE PROGRAMME SUR LEQUEL LES ANCIENS  
COMBATTANTS ET LES AUTORITES LOCALES A DIEPPE SETAIENT DEJA ENTENDUS.  
COUVE TROUVA CETTE SUGGESTION TOUT A FAIT RAISONNABLE ET NOUS Y  
DONNERONS SUITE LE PLUS TOT POSSIBLE. EN REPONSE A UNE QUESTION

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QUIL ME POSA JE LUI DIS QUE VU L'IMPORTANCE QUE NOUS ATTACHIONS A CE  
CET ANNIVERSAIRE IL ETAIT FORT PROBABLE QUE LE GOVT CDN SOIT  
REPRESENTE PAR UN MINISTRE MAIS QUE JE DEVAIS VOUS CONSULTER AVANT  
DE POUVOIR CONFIRMER.

3. NOUS AVONS BIEN ICI UN PROJET DE PROGRAMME QUI NOUS A ETE  
TRANSMIS PAR COL CHAMBERS MAIS AVANT DE NOUS METTRE EN  
COMMUNICATION AVEC LE QUAI NOUS ATTENDRONS QUE VOUS AYEZ EU LE  
TEMPS DE LETUDIER AVEC LE MINISTRE DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS (PARA 2  
DE VOTRE TEL PRECITE).

4. APRES LES CONVERSATIONS QUE JAI EUES AVEC DURAND ET JURGENSEN  
DU QUAI AINSI QUE LA DISCRETION AVEC LAQUELLE COUVE A ACCUEILLI  
MES COMMENTAIRES JE CROIS QUE, AU NIVEAU DU QUAI DORSAY TOUT AU  
MOINS, ON VOUDRAIT QUE CETTE AFFAIRE SOIT OUBLIEE LE PLUS TOT  
POSSIBLE DE PART ET D'AUTRE

LEGER''

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DIEPPE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF POSITION RE GERMAN VETERANS IS ACCURATE. VIEWS OF CDN VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS ON SUBJ HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO MAYOR OF DIEPPE AND BY HIM TO GERMAN VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE NO RPT NO REASON WHATEVER TO BELIEVE THAT CDN VETERANS VIEWS IN THIS MATTER WILL CHANGE IN ANY WAY. YOU MAY SPEAK WITH DURAND ALONG LINES PROPOSED PARA3 YOURTEL 981 APR12.

2. WE ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS OF NEED, STRESSED BY YOU, FOR EARLIEST AND CLOSEST CONSULTATIONS WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES ON PROPOSED CEREMONY. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VETERANS AFFAIRS DPT TO OBTAIN FULL DETAILS OF THEIR TENTATIVE PLANS.



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DIEPPE CEREMONY

I HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM G/C LAGACE THAT ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN VETERANS WHO FOUGHT AT DIEPPE HAVE WRITTEN TO DVA, COPY EXTERL AFFAIRS, TO ASK OUR PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN 25TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES OF DIEPPE RAID AUG20. LET IS SIGNED BY MR METZGER, WHO ALSO VISITED LAGACE AT EMB LAST WEEK.

2. METZGERS INITIAL APPROACH WAS TO MAYOR OF DIEPPE, WHO TURNED DOWN GERMAN PARTICIPATION AFTER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH DVA THROUGH COLONEL CHAMBERS. IT WAS THIS EXCHANGE THAT GOT INTO PRESS AT HOME.

3. WHEN I SEE DURAND(CHEF DE PROTOCOLE AT QUAI) APR14, I PROPOSE TO TELL HIM ABOUT METZGERS ACTIVITIES. SINCE DIEPPE CEREMONY IS TO TAKE PLACE IN FRANCE, EVEN THOUGH IN OUR EYES IT IS CDN CEREMONY, WE MUST OBVIOUSLY CONSULT FRENCH. WHEN THEY ASK US FOR OUR VIEWS, WE WOULD PRESUMABLY SAY THAT OUR VETERANS WOULD PREFER THAT THERE BE NO RPT NO PARTICIPATION BY GERMAN VETERANS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS

LEGER

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Mr. Robertson  
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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIEPPE

WHEN TIME COMES TO ORGANIZE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIEPPE MEANS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT REPETITION OF DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN FACED ON OCCASION OF VIMY CELEBRATIONS. IT IS REVEALING AND REGRETTABLE THAT LORD MOUNTBATTEN SHOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED TO ATTEND THESE CEREMONIES BEFORE ANY DISCUSSION HAS TAKEN PLACE WITH FRENCH GOVT. IT IS NOT RPT NOT THAT LORD MOUNTBATTEN WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE WELCOME BUT THE PROCEDURE IS WRONG. 2. IN INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED I RECOMMEND VERY STRONGLY THAT THIS SMB BE KEPT IN PICTURE FROM START AND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO SEEK FRENCH GOVT COOPERATION FOR DIEPPE IMMEDIATELY. OTHERWISE CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD THAT FRENCH PARTICIPATION WILL NOT RPT NOT BE FORTHCOMING. THE HON LEO CADIEUX INTENDS TO RAISE MATTER WITH SSEA ON HIS RETURN. 3. MR OFFROY MEMBER OF FRENCH ASSEMBLY FOR DIEPPE HAS ALREADY COME TO SEE ME TO DISCUSS A JOINT PROGRAM. I TOLD HIM THAT UNTIL MATTER WAS CLEARED AT HIGHEST LEVEL HERE IT MIGHT BE WISER TO HOLD PLANS IN ABEYANCE. I SHALL SEE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ON APR 14 AND WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM HIM OF FRENCH GOVT'S VIEWS. ""

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