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of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator  
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The Committee of the Privy Council have had  
before them a memorandum, dated 11th October, 1935,  
from the President of the Privy Council, submitting  
the following report from the Civil Service Commission,-

"The Civil Service Commission has the honour  
to report as follows:-

Section 59 of the Civil Service Act,  
Chapter 22, R.S. 1927, provides that,- "In any  
case where the Commission decides that it is  
not practicable nor in the public interest to  
apply this Act to any position or positions,  
the Commission may, with the approval of the  
Governor in Council, exclude such position or  
positions in whole or in part from the opera-  
tion of the Act, and make such regulations as  
are deemed advisable prescribing how such posi-  
tion or positions are to be dealt with".

A new organization is now being set up for  
the Employment and Social Insurance Commission  
and the Civil Service Commission is taking the  
necessary steps or appoint the staff through  
competitive examination in accordance with the  
provisions of the Civil Service Act. The Com-  
mission considers, however, that in the case of  
the position of Secretary to Executive to the  
Chairman of the Commission it is not in the  
public interest to advertise the position for  
open competition. Under ordinary circumstances  
a position of this kind would probably be filled  
by promotion from within the organization to  
which it was attached but, in the case of a new  
organization such as that which is now being set  
up, recourse cannot be had to the principle of  
promotion and the person holding the position  
of Secretary to Executive to the Chairman is in  
such close relation to his chief that the Com-  
mission does not consider that the position should  
be thrown open to the general public. The  
present Chairman of the Employment and Social  
Insurance Commission who is undertaking the  
difficult work of organizing and getting under  
way an entirely new Department has had a personal

secretary/

The Right Honourable  
the Prime Minister.

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