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Our telegram No. 128 July 31 your Aide Memoire August 7.

The Canadian Government have considered the reasons advanced in your Aide Memoire for release of a public statement on telecommunications and the revised draft of that statement. Since all the other Commonwealth Governments feel that the release of such a statement is advisable we are prepared to withdraw our request for no publicity at this time but would submit for your consideration the following alternative statement which amends the wording of the opening sentence in your statement:

The Commonwealth Communications Council have submitted to the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Dominions and India, proposals for a closer integration of the telecommunications services of the Commonwealth and Empire by the establishment of public utility corporations, in the United Kingdom, in each of the Dominions and India. Advantage was taken of the recent visits of Prime Ministers of the Dominions and representatives of India to have a preliminary discussion on the proposals. No decisions were taken, but without entering into any commitment it was agreed that the proposals should be examined in detail.

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