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Ottawa, November 11th, 1948.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Thursday, November 11th, 1948, at 11.30 a.m.

Present:

The Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent),  
in the Chair,  
The Minister of Reconstruction and Supply  
and Minister of Trade and Commerce  
(Mr. Howe),  
The Minister of Mines and Resources  
(Mr. MacKinnon),  
The Secretary of State (Mr. Gibson),  
The Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell),  
The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier),  
The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Claxton),  
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier),  
The Minister of National Health and Welfare  
(Mr. Martin),  
The Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott),  
The Minister of National Revenue (Dr. McCann),  
The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Mayhew).

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The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Heeney),  
The Assistant Secretary (Mr. Baldwin).

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External communications services; nationalization

1. The Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, referring to the discussion at the meeting of September 8th, reported that, following examination by representatives of the Commonwealth countries concerned, certain modifications were recommended in the financial arrangements contained in the overall agreement for nationalization of telecommunications services.

These modifications had been considered by the Interdepartmental Committee on Telecommunications Policy which recommended their approval effective if possible on April 1st, 1949. The full terms of the clause covering the new arrangements would be subject to approval of the Departments of External Affairs, Transport and Finance.

It was noted in this connection that the Australian government was reported to have rejected the proposed modifications and might introduce further alternative proposals.

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