

imagine, little doubt that the State Department will be counting on the re-election of the United States.⁶⁵

(ii) *Canada* A memorandum recommending that Canada should stand for election to the Council has already been submitted to you and approved.⁶⁶

(iii) *Mexico* We have been informed by the Mexican Government that Mexico is a candidate for election. Mexico has never been on the Council before. It is capable of making a sound contribution to the work of the organization and would be a reasonable choice to replace Venezuela. Considerable resentment would be caused amongst the Latin American countries if one of their number were replaced by a country from another geographical area. Haiti has solicited our support but it would obviously be far less useful in the organization than Mexico. Argentina has also asked for our vote but it seems preferable to us that one of the four Latin American members should be a country outside South America proper.⁶⁷

(iv) *Iran* Two "Near East seats"—Turkey and Lebanon—will fall vacant this year. Iran has notified us of its candidature and we have learned that the United States will "probably" support it.⁶⁸

(v) *Soviet Satellites* One of the two remaining seats will probably fall to a Soviet satellite. If it were decided to support a Soviet satellite, the choice might be between Yugoslavia and the Ukraine, both of which served a one year term in 1946. Present political conditions and tendencies in Yugoslavia may perhaps be regarded as weighting the scales in favour of that country rather than the Ukraine. Czechoslovakia has already served a two-year term of 1946–1947.⁶⁹

(vi) *Pakistan* One predominantly Moslem country (Turkey) and one country with a large Moslem population (Lebanon) will finish their terms on the Council this year. Even if Iran is elected, the Moslem countries may well press for a Moslem state to fill the sixth seat. The Pakistan Government has announced its candidature and has solicited our support. India is already on the Council and for political reasons within the Commonwealth it would, I believe, be very desirable for us to vote for Pakistan's election. This would tend to offset any jealousy which Pakistan might feel because of our support of India for the Security Council. Apart from these considerations, there is also a question as to just what the membership of China, which retains its seat until 1951, is likely to imply for the next two years. The possible transfer of Chinese support to the Soviet group might be counter-balanced in the Far East by the addition of Pakistan.⁷⁰

7. Whatever slate is tentatively decided upon, it will be desirable to discuss it as soon as possible with the United States and the United Kingdom.

⁶⁵ Les notes marginales 65–70 furent de la main de L.B. Pearson:
Marginal notes 65–70 were by L.B. Pearson:

Yes

⁶⁶ Yes

⁶⁷ Yes

⁶⁸ Yes

⁶⁹ I prefer Yugoslavia

⁷⁰ Yes