

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

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McCarthy *noted - file*

I understand from Pearson, who was here on Monday for a meeting of the Wartime Information Board that Mr. McCarthy hopes to come to Ottawa next week. One of the questions most on his mind is the need for strengthening the senior staff of the Legation. The man he particularly wants is Stone, who would be a very real reinforcement to the Legation staff and a great help to Pearson, who has to carry a very heavy load.

During the next year or two we are going to need much fuller information about American plans and policies - immediately in the fields of economic and political warfare, and very soon in the field of post-war reconstruction. The present staff of the Legation is good but small. We have added a junior Third Secretary to it in the last month by sending down Paul Tremblay, and are bringing Rogers from Australia in place of Chapdelaine. Plumptre, who is now in Washington as the representative of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and Financial Attache, could, I think, be used to better advantage if he could be relieved of the routine liaison with the American Price Administration, and attached directly to the Legation where he could work in the general field of Canadian - American economic relations. Plumptre is a particularly able chap, whose work in Washington has been quite first-rate.

The Washington Legation is increasingly our most important and difficult office, and we have to give it all the assistance we can to perform its duties properly. All things considered, I would recommend Stone's assignment there. I think it should be with the status of Acting Counsellor (a recommendation as regards rank which I had included in the general review of needed departmental promotions sent you the other day). His transfer from Ottawa would create quite a serious gap in the Department, which we will have to fill by further temporary assistants from outside the Service. In the first instance, most of Stone's work can be taken over by George Glazebrook, but additional help will be needed to do the work Glazebrook is now doing and to enable us particularly to do our part in the political warfare programme which Bowes-Lyon spoke to you about.

For this work I would like to get the services of H.G. Skilling, an able young Canadian who is now Assistant Professor of Economics in the University of Wisconsin, and L. Melania, who is now teaching in Windsor after doing extremely well in History and Political Science in the University of Toronto.