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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

Mr. Liesching, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Dominions Office, asked me yesterday to let you know that the War Cabinet had approved the appointment of E.P. Taylor, now an Executive Assistant to the Hon. C.D. Howe, as Director General of British Purchases in the United States, in the place of the Rt. Hon. A.B. Purvis. As Taylor is now in the employment of the Canadian Government it is necessary to secure their consent to his release before his name is formally submitted to the King for approval.

Liesching was wondering whether, since you are in London, it would be more appropriate for the United Kingdom authorities to address a request for his services to you, or whether they should send the request direct to Ottawa. In this case they would like to be able to say that you had been told of the plans.

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