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(c) Mr. King might wish also to send a personal telegram to the Princess.

4. Arrangements by the Government to mark the Event -

(a) Artillery Salute - I understand from Dr. Coleman that this is being arranged by the Dept. of National Defence. Col. Cathcart of the Adjutant-General's Branch is looking after it.

(b) Flag on the Peace Tower - Dr. Coleman states that the Dept. of Public Works is arranging to fly the Red Ensign when news of the birth is received.

(c) Announcement in the Canada Gazette
I raised this question with Dr. Coleman, and he feels that no announcement is desirable. There would seem to be no purpose to be served by an announcement unless it is desired to give added formal attention by the Government to the event.

(d) Announcement by the Prime Minister.
The C.B.C. has enquired with regard to this. There would seem to be no purpose whatever to be served, as the news will be generally known as soon as it is received officially. The text of the telegram(s) sent could be released at once to appear in the press and on the air. The C.B.C. will record the announcement of the birth from Buckingham Palace and rebroadcast it, but they have no indication that there will be any announcement or statement by Prime Minister Attlee.

R.G.R.

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