

(ESCOTT REID TO WLMK)

Civil Aviation

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Re : Mr. Graydon's question about  
international air transport  
policy.

1. The leader of the opposition asked you on Friday whether you would indicate "whether or not there had been any preliminary discussions on this point between the United Nations or others who may be involved". You replied with respect to this question "I should like to have it stand as a notice, and I will give my honourable friend more exact information at another time."
2. In an answer to a question on March 10 as to whether talks had taken place between Canada and the United States concerning post-war civil aviation you replied, "In the frequent discussions which take place between officers of the Canadian Legation in Washington and officers of the State Department on questions of common concern, reference has been made to the problems of post-war civil aviation".
3. In the statement made on March 11 in the British House of Commons by the Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair said, "None of the arrangements we have made during the war with regard to air transport in any part of the world precludes us from working out new plans. Our exploration work is, in fact, in hand and we are now in preliminary consultation with the Dominions and with India. Consultations with other members of the United Nations will follow."