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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM of conversation Prime Minister had this morning with Lord Moran, at the Dorchester Hotel (12 noon November 24th)

Lord Moran called this morning to tell me he is writing an intimate personal account of his associations with Churchill, describing his actions, etc., on important occasions as they travelled together during the war, for example, after coming back from an interview with Stalin, etc. He is dealing with the whole business as a physician, explaining reaction, etc. He mentioned that as his knowledge of Churchill was wholly of a domestic personal side and did not relate to his public life he would need to check up here and there some of the observations he was making and would welcome very much if I were agreeable to letting him have a statement of about a page, which would help to bring out how Churchill acted at conferences, in the Cabinet, at meetings in Quebec, etc., to make clear whether his services during the war were more or less peculiar to himself. The question he is trying to answer is how might the situation have developed had Roosevelt and Churchill passed off the scene before the war was over. Who would have been able to take their places as leaders? What were the qualities that gave him the hold that he had, his influence on others, etc.

The men he is consulting in a similar way are the Chiefs of Staff who were with him - not so much Eden with whom he differed. He regrets that all of the President's staff are pretty well gone.