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*Le haut commissaire par intérim en Grande-Bretagne au
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*Acting High Commissioner in Great Britain to
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TELEGRAM 2234

London, August 8, 1945

Following from Pearson, Begins: At the UNNRA Council meeting this morning and after a great deal of jockeying behind the scenes, Sir Girja Bajpai was elected Chairman. The Czechoslovak representative was elected member of the Committee on Policy and the Polish member Chairman of the Committee on Procedure. It will be recalled that at Montreal the Chairman of the Council was also Chairman of the Committee on Policy. Bajpai's election was due to the unwillingness of the leader of the United Kingdom delegation to act as Chairman of the Council, though the USSR and the USA would have preferred this. Contrary to arrangements reported to you earlier, Canada was elected a member of the General or Steering Committee and to Vice-Chairmanship of the Committee on Policy. It looks as if we will also be elected to Chairmanship of the Central Committee tomorrow or the next day.¹⁸⁴ It promises to be an important Council session and a busy one for the Canadian delegation, as we have already been engaged in a good many informal conversations with the United States and the United Kingdom on matters that are likely to come up. Ends.

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TELEGRAM 2259

London, August 9, 1945

Following from Pearson, Begins: My telegram No. 2234 of August 8th, UNRRA. "Chairmanship of the Central Committee" should, of course, have read "membership on the Central Committee."

Would our election to the Central Committee not provide a good opportunity for withdrawing from the Chairmanship of the Supplies Committee? Among other things, this might mean that Australia would be elected in Canada's place, which would remove an irritation which their delegation to the Council now feel, in view of the fact that they have not been given much in the way of recognition at this Council session. Ends.

¹⁸⁴Voir le document suivant.
See following document.