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*Extraits du mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État  
aux Affaires extérieures au Premier ministre*  
*Extracts from Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs to Prime Minister*

Ottawa, January 3, 1942

I am returning the letter of December 11th<sup>†</sup> which you received from Mr. H. S. L. Polak<sup>19</sup> about Canadian-Indian relations, as well as a draft reply<sup>†</sup> to Mr. Polak for your signature.

Mr. Angus has prepared the attached memoranda on two of the points raised in Mr. Polak's letter, viz., the appointment of a Canadian representative to India and the granting of the franchise to British Indians in British Columbia.<sup>20</sup> The argument of these memoranda seems to me important and convincing, and to justify further consideration of Government policy on both heads.

... I might add, as a footnote to Mr. Angus' memorandum on the East Indian franchise question, that when Lord Halifax was in Ottawa six weeks ago he spoke to me about the position of the British Indians in British Columbia, which he had previously been discussing with Mr. Polak. Halifax said that, in his personal opinion, anything we could do at this juncture to clear up the status of this handful of Indian immigrants would have a very helpful influence on Indian opinion and would create the friendliest of feelings toward Canada.

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*Mémorandum de l'adjoint spécial en temps de guerre  
du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*  
*Memorandum by Special Wartime Assistant to  
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Ottawa, December 26, 1941

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to draw attention to the case for the early appointment of a Canadian High Commissioner to India.
2. It is hardly necessary to emphasize;
  - (a) The importance of the wholehearted co-operation of India in the conduct of the present war: or

<sup>19</sup>Le secrétaire honoraire, *Indians Overseas Association*.

<sup>20</sup>Voir le document 906.

<sup>19</sup>Honorary Secretary, *Indians Overseas Association*.

<sup>20</sup>See Document 906.