

(4) The possibility should be raised of a capital aid component within a technical assistance framework, such as the proposed school of tropical medicine, the need for which was outlined by Dr. Nkrumah in his address at the opening of the new national assembly of Ghana on March 6.

(5) Finally, if the World Bank report is favourable to the Volta River Project, we might give consideration to extending capital assistance to Ghana in respect of it.

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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ASSISTANCE TO THE FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES

You will recall that in June, 1956 you received an Aide Mémoire, under a personal letter from the U.K. High Commissioner, following up a conversation he had with you concerning economic assistance to the Federation. A copy of the Aide Mémoire is attached.^{†85}

2. As a result of the U.K. approach it was agreed that a comprehensive study of Canada's relations with the West Indies should be undertaken. Senior representatives of all departments concerned have been meeting as the "Caribbean Group" and a good many papers have been produced by interested departments. The third and most recent meeting of the Group was held late in February. While no final recommendations have as yet been agreed for consideration by Cabinet, you will no doubt be interested to learn about the direction in which the Group is moving.

⁸⁵ Dans un mémoire daté du 16 juillet 1956, dans lequel on faisait des observations sur l'aide-mémoire britannique et informait le ministre du début imminent des discussions interministérielles sur l'aide destinée aux Antilles, M. Pearson a écrit : « I hope this can be pressed forward... I am extremely interested in this idea and hope that something can be done ».

On a July 16, 1956 memorandum, which commented on the British aide mémoire and informed the minister that interdepartmental discussions on aid to the West Indies were about to begin, Pearson wrote: "I hope this can be pressed forward ... I am extremely interested in this idea and hope that something can be done."