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Mr. Crerar arrived this morning and we were in conference for some time, during which I outlined the Government's attitude and policy with respect to the representations which have been made concerning the situation in the Near East.

Since the present administration was formed, the attitude of the Progressive party has been one of co-operation in the Government's administration of the country's affairs in so far as ~~these~~ <sup>its</sup> policies were in accord with those of the Progressive party.

I have felt that no question which the Administration is likely to be called upon to consider will equal in gravity or importance the one which has presented itself during the course of the past week. It is for this reason that I was particularly anxious to consult Mr. Crerar and, in so far as might be possible, ascertain his views.

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