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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

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## Colonel Vanier.

I understand National Defence are still anxious to obtain the services of Colonel Vanier as G.O.C. at Quebec if he is free for such an appointment. They have evidently been finding difficulty in getting suitable French-Canadian officers for command at Quebec.

I informed General Crerar, who spoke to me on the subject yesterday, that there were some questions outstanding as to our future diplomatic relations with France which might have to be cleared up, and there was also the possibility that if Colonel Vanier returned to Canada his services would be required in another capacity. Have you come to any conclusion as to whether you would find Vanier useful in your own Office?

Colonel Ralston may raise the question of the Quebec Command shortly.

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