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Secret

Ottawa, April 1st, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re: Government statement on civil
air transport

*after you
had left
with Mr. [unclear]*

The War Committee, at its meeting on March 31st, considered a recommendation from the Interdepartmental Committee on International Civil Aviation that a declaration on civil air transport policy be issued by the government. The report from the Civil Aviation Committee contained a draft of the proposed declaration which had been prepared after careful study over a period of some weeks in close consultation with the departments concerned and the Minister of Munitions and Supply.

The report also stressed the need for the issue of the statement promptly, in view of discussions taking place this week on civil aviation in the House of Commons Committee on Railways and Shipping.

The War Committee approved the recommendation and agreed that the statement submitted should be made public in its present form by yourself as promptly as possible. It was also agreed that the House of Commons was the appropriate place for the declaration to be made.

I attach a copy of the declaration of policy as approved by the War Committee.

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