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For the Prime Minister:

Mr. Heeney reports that at Council this morning General McNaughton and Mr. Macdonald made a full report on the latest figures concerning reinforcements, and the effect of adding 16,000 prospective reinforcements under authority of P.C.8891. They also reported on estimated casualties over the next few months.

Mr. Heeney adds that members of Council feel very strongly that these figures very strongly support the government's decision in implementing the Order-in-Council; and that it would be most useful to have these figures before the House at as early a stage as possible in the debate.

The figures can only be given in secret session.

Council feel that just as soon as is possible after the Prime Minister's speech (and, presumably, the speeches of the three other leaders), the figures should be given, by General McNaughton if the House wishes to recall him, otherwise by Mr. Macdonald.

The Prime Minister may wish to have a word with Mr. Crerar and Mr. Mackenzie on this point.

J.A.G.

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