

12. There is now little doubt in our minds that we have acted wisely in doing so. Particularly with the amendments which were accepted by the meeting, the tabling of the resolution will have a most persuasive effect. It not only offers some assurance to the Soviet Union that a majority of members of the General Assembly are prepared to act in the interests of settling this long-standing problem but it will provide the United States and other members of the Security Council with a basis for an adjustment of policy which may be necessary to achieve that end. In addition, it leaves no doubt that we mean business. We hope you will share our belief in the value of the course we had agreed we should follow and which has imposed a heavy responsibility and burden on the delegation. During the next few days we shall know whether our efforts thus far have helped to bring about the results we all desire. If nothing else happens, however, we can at least say that we induced the Great Powers to put their heads together.

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SECRET. IMMEDIATE.

NEW MEMBERS

Dixon told me today that the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Ottawa had been instructed to approach you to endeavour to ensure that the Canadian delegation here is instructed to take no action in the Assembly of this question which might interfere with the consideration of it by the Security Council. If the instructions sent to Nye do not go beyond this, they are, of course, quite unnecessary since we had repeatedly made it clear that we regard consideration of the item by the Assembly and by the Security Council as complimentary not competitive processes. Now that the joint draft resolution has been officially circulated with the co-sponsorship of twenty-five delegations, a good part of our objective of ensuring that the Security Council is acutely aware of the wide demand for resolving this question now has been met. We are not, therefore, pressing for immediate consideration of the new members question in the Ad Hoc Committee. We feel at the moment that it would be better to let the Ad Hoc Committee conclude its current item on Palestine refugees before taking up new members. This would leave the Great Powers in the Security Council probably another week in which to try to reach agreement. While there will be informal meetings of part or all the Security Council in this period, Lodge has given us to understand that he will not precipitate an early formal meeting of the Security Council at which the admission might be blocked by disagreement between the United States and the U.S.S.R.

2. We have made it perfectly clear to the United States and United Kingdom delegations that the countries co-sponsoring our draft resolution are fully aware of the delicate balance on this subject in the Security Council and of the need to work out very carefully in advance a distribution of votes which will ensure seven affirmative votes to all agreed candidates. At a Commonwealth meeting this morning, I assured Dixon as we had on several occasions that it was never intended that action would be taken in the Ad Hoc Com-