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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

[Ottawa,] June [n.d.], 1942

Attached is a useful memorandum by Glazebrook on the new treaty between the United Kingdom and the U.S.S.R., signed last week in London. The text of the treaty as finally established is a great deal more satisfactory from every point of view than seemed possible some weeks ago. It seems to me to be difficult to take exception to its present provisions, given the special relationship which the war has created between the U.S.S.R. and the other nations fighting against Hitlerism.

Mr. Glazebrook's memorandum examines (on pages 5 and 6) the possibility of Canada adhering to the treaty, or, alternatively, supporting it without adhering to it. I do not think we should consider adhering to the treaty. We were not parties to its negotiation. There is no provision in the treaty as it stands for adherence by third countries, and there is no suggestion that countries which are not members of the British Commonwealth should adhere to it. Apart from such diplomatic objections to our adherence, I do not think that Canada should, at this stage, assume post-war obligations in other parts of the world which would be different from or go further than those that the United States is prepared to assume.

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*Mémorandum de l'adjoint spécial en temps de guerre
du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum by Special Wartime Assistant to
Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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[Ottawa,] June 2, 1942

TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE U.S.S.R.

PART I — THE TREATY

Negotiations over a period of six months have now resulted in the signature on May 26 of a treaty entitled "Treaty between the U.S.S.R. and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of alliance in the war against Hitlerite Germany and her associates in Europe and of collaboration and mutual assistance thereafter".