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November 6, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re: Honours and awards - submission to the King regarding Canadian organization.

Attached is a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing an explanatory memorandum by the Under-Secretary of State, a revised draft submission to the King and a revised statement of proposed arrangements.

I think that the revisions suggested meet the points which you made in Council the other day. The change in the proposed title from "General Policy Committee" to "Awards Co-ordination Committee", and the revision of paragraph 2 describing their power appears appropriately to reserve to the government the general field of higher policy.

In this connection, may I direct your attention, particularly, to paragraphs 7, 10 and 12 of Coleman's memorandum.

Inasmuch as the War Committee have already approved in principle the proposed machinery, I would not think it necessary to have further discussion on the subject. If you approve, I suggest that you direct me to prepare a final submission in the form of the attached draft for communication to Buckingham Palace.

As Coleman notes in his memorandum, the matter is somewhat urgent in view of the preparations being made for the New Year's Honours List.

A.D.P.H.

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