

virtually worthless to the greater number of Chinese residents of this country. These people were concerned about seeing their number in this country falling off rapidly and hope that some liberalization of existing immigration regulations could be effected. I told Dr. Liu that I knew that both you and Mr. St. Laurent were sympathetic with the position of the Chinese in this country. The Government had already taken certain steps to alleviate the situation by repealing the Chinese Immigration Act and by making it possible for Chinese visitors and transients to enter Canada under the same regulations as all other foreign visitors and transients. The question of whether anything further could be done to improve the lot of the Chinese would have to be studied very carefully. I said that we would be glad to look into the matter with him on his return.

I am attaching a copy of the aide-mémoire handed Dr. Liu.†

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures  
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

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

[Ottawa], December 30, 1948

#### CHINESE ELECTORAL ACTIVITIES IN CANADA

When the Chinese Ambassador called on me yesterday afternoon he reported that he had discussed with Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, the Chinese Foreign Minister, the aide-mémoire protesting against Chinese electoral activities in Canada which I had handed him on September 29.

2. Dr. Liu said that he had explained in detail to the Chinese Foreign Minister the position of the Canadian Government in this matter as he understood it. He reported that Dr. Wang was able to appreciate our view point and had assured him that he would take the matter up on his return to Nanking and see what could be done to modify the arrangements to conform to our views. Dr. Liu said that since then Dr. Wang had left the Cabinet and in view of the preoccupation of the Government with the deteriorating military situation he was not sure what action could or would be taken. He was going to send a written report to his Government on the subject. In the meantime he hoped that we would not press him for written assurances from his Government. He did not anticipate any further elections being called for some time. Furthermore, should they be called while he was Ambassador he would take it upon himself to review the situation at that time and discuss the matter further with us.

3. Dr. Liu said that he hoped that we understood the difficulties of the Chinese Government in this matter. Because the overseas Chinese had contributed so much to the establishment of the Chinese Republic and, because those in western coun-