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Memorandum for the Prime Minister:

Re: Quebec as seat of future World Organization

1. You wished to be reminded to mention to Quebec members of the House of Commons the question of Quebec as
 - (a) the seat of a future world organization
 - (b) the meeting-place for future international conferences
2. Both of these possibilities were much in the news at the time of the Quebec Conference, 1944, and also during the discussions on world security at Dumbarton Oaks. We know, from two different sources (one quoted by Mr. Wilgress and the other by Mr. Pearson) that Quebec was specifically mentioned as first choice for a future headquarters.
3. The City of Levis is formally on record as favouring project (a). The City of Toronto on October 14 last passed a resolution that
 - "the Government of Canada be requested to consider extending invitations to the Governments of the Allied Nations to a conference to consider the establishment of peace on a secure and enduring basis".
4. The present controversy may have cooled the ardour of some of the well-wishers of Canada who have urged that both the Peace Conference and the future security organization should be located in Canada.

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