

lar value for the shipments to be released, but in a few cases the dollar value is not known and the maximum permissible shipments are shown only by the amount (by weight or number of units) of the item in question which may be exported. For what it is worth our total for the permits covering specified dollar values is about \$6,332,000, subject to possible adjustment on the borderline cases as to whether or not they should be included. This figure excludes the shipments for which dollar values are not known, but there is little likelihood that they could be sufficient to raise the total over 6 1/2 million dollars. While there is no reason why these minor factors affecting the total *cannot* be revealed, I think that to do so might lead to further discussion; I would therefore recommend that the answer be limited to what is suggested in my earlier memorandum.

My second point concerns the position of India and Pakistan. The total for all areas is about 6 1/2 million dollars and for the Middle East is about 3 million dollars. Of the remaining 3 1/2 million dollars about \$910,000 was for India and about \$440,000 was for Pakistan. I think there would be serious objections to making public any details on this situation, but I thought you should have these facts available for your own information. (Incidentally, these amounts for India and Pakistan are very substantially lower than those which Ritchie had in mind when he guessed yesterday morning that the total for the 34 countries would be a much larger figure. He was basing himself on the size of the revolving credit — 5 or 6 million dollars — which Pakistan had maintained for arms purchases from Canada in 1952-53 when imports from Canada were apparently on a considerably larger scale than in the past two years.)

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[Ottawa] February 3, 1956

Present

The Prime Minister (Mr. St-Laurent) in the Chair,
 The Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Defence Production (Mr. Howe),
 The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner),
 The Minister of National Revenue (Dr. McCann),
 The Minister of Labour (Mr. Gregg),
 The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson),
 The Minister of Justice (Mr. Garson),
 The Minister of Veterans Affairs and Postmaster General (Mr. Lapointe),
 The Minister of Finance (Mr. Harris),
 The Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys (Mr. Prudham),
 The Leader of the Government in the Senate and Solicitor General (Senator Macdonald),
 The Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Lesage),
 The Minister of Transport (Mr. Marler),
 The Secretary of State (Mr. Pinard).
 The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Bryce),
 The Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Martin).
