

6. We are inquiring through His Majesty's United Kingdom Ambassador, Washington, whether United States Government will be prepared to take a line with French Government similar to that which we propose in paragraph 4 above.

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

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

Ottawa, November 24, 1944

I sent you a note on November 17th concerning British proposals for international health organization which have to be taken up immediately because temporary UNRRA sanitary conventions will be prepared at a meeting of the UNRRA Health Committee beginning on December 5th. The French have lodged objections because of their fears for the future of the International Office of Public Hygiene in Paris.

The question was considered yesterday at a meeting attended by Messrs. Angus, Read, Renaud and myself of this Department and Dr. Davidson of National Health and Welfare. We decided that the British proposals were in general sensible. Renaud has prepared a long memorandum<sup>1</sup> on the various conventions and bodies which would be affected by them. Davidson wished to check with Chisholm before an answer went out and promised to let Angus know today.

I think we can answer London without consulting Ministers. Angus' reply to the Dominions Office<sup>176</sup> will be found hereunder for your concurrence and also a teletype to Pearson.<sup>†</sup> If you agree, will you return the papers to Angus for despatch when he hears from Davidson?

Dr. Brown is our representative on the Health Committee of UNRRA and is quite unfamiliar with the international questions involved in this issue. It was agreed in the meeting that he should be accompanied during its discussion by someone from the Embassy in Washington, perhaps Ritchie. Angus is preparing a despatch conveying the requisite information as indicated in his teletype to Pearson.

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<sup>176</sup>Voir le document 1228.  
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