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AGENDA FOR THE CANBERRA CONFERENCE

1. After the opening speeches have been made the first item of business for the conference to deal with will be the adoption of an agenda. The Australian delegation will no doubt present the meeting with an agenda and ask for its approval. The order in which the items are listed in their agenda will undoubtedly be a matter of some importance to the Australians with respect to their general tactics at the meeting. The Canadian delegation should therefore scrutinize Australian agenda proposals with this consideration in mind.

2. Attention is drawn to the Australian draft agenda contained in their telegram No. 9 of June 26 which they propose "with a view to full discussion and an approach to broad agreement on main policies". The first nine items which have been generally accepted by Commonwealth countries as a basis for the conference agenda are quoted below:

- (1) Adoption of provisional agenda.
- (2) Participation in the Japanese Settlement:
  - (I) Which countries are to participate in Japanese Peace Conference;
  - (II) Method of voting;
  - (III) Proposed date, urgency of proceeding with settlement;
  - (IV) Venue;
  - (V) Approaches to be made to the United States and other Governments regarding steps to be taken before the Peace Conference;
  - (VI) Whether single instrument or more.
- (3) Machinery for securing achievement of basic objectives of Allied Powers:-
  - (a) Countries to be represented on Supervisory Commission;
  - (b) Means of reaching decisions;
  - (c) Method of provision for implementation of terms of Japanese Peace Treaty;
  - (d) Economic and military provisions.
- (4) Disarmament and demilitarization.
- (5) Territorial provisions of Treaty, with special reference to disposal of strategic islands whose future has not been decided and to the possibility of establishing United Nations bases for prevention of Japanese military resurgence.
- (6) Political provisions of Treaty aimed at constructive reform and democratization of Japan.
- (7) Reparations and standard of living of Japan in relation to other countries.
- (8) Economic provisions designed to prevent resurgence of Japan as a threat to peace while allowing her the means to sustain her economy up to agreed level.
- (9) Exclusion of Japan from whaling industry.