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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE:

I attach hereto four telegrams:

1. An official message conveying felicitations to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

N.B. This message may be given to the press, but no others.

2. Telegram conveying personal congratulations to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

3. Telegram to Sir Alan Lascelles, Private Secretary to the King, conveying my felicitations to the King and Queen.

4. Telegram to the Private Secretary to Queen Mary, conveying my felicitations to Her Majesty Queen Mary.

The following might be stated in any announcement to the press, if the child is born before I retire from office, which will be some time tomorrow afternoon - any time up to 3.30 p.m. Monday:

"On word of the birth of the Royal (Prince or Princess as the case may be), Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King sent the following message to Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, on behalf of the Government:

(Quote Message)

It might be added:

"The Prime Minister also sent personal messages to Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, and to Their Majesties the King and Queen."

No publicity is to be given to these messages.

November 14, 1948

W.L.M.K.