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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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Draft Instrument of Surrender for Germany

I attach copies of two further reports from London concerning our objections to the present form of the Draft Instrument. The first is despatch No. A-402 of July 3rd from Mr. Massey which covers both the memorandum which he left with Mr. Eden on June 29th and an interesting note of a discussion between Ritchie and Sir William Strang. Mr. Massey's memorandum for Mr. Eden follows very closely the terms of the instructions to him which were contained in our telegram No. 1173 of June 16th. Ritchie went into the matter very fully with Strang as his report shows and the results are more favourable to our point of view than one would have expected from the terms of our initial reply from the Dominions Office.

The second report is telegram No. 1685 of July 7th from Mr. Massey in which he answers the questions which we raised in our telegram to him No. 1328 of July 6th. Since he states that he expects to receive a full expression of the views of the U.K. Government early this week, I think that we should now await its receipt before we decide to take the matter up with the U.S. or Soviet authorities.

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