2. THE WAR COMMITTEE, after discussion, approved the Prime Minister's recommendations and, thereupon, passed the submission made, as Order in Council P.C. 8699, dated November 10th.

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P.C. 8699

Ottawa, November 10, 1943

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated November 10, 1943,<sup>1</sup> from the Secretary of State for External Affairs, representing that it is desirable for the better representation of Canadian interests abroad in accordance with the growing importance of Canadian participation in international affairs that he should be authorized, in cases where he deems it expedient, to recommend to His Majesty the King that the rank of any Canadian Minister accredited to a foreign sovereign or government should be raised to that of ambassador, subject in all cases to the agreement of the foreign sovereign or government to the exchange of ambassadors.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, advise that His Majesty the King be humbly moved to approve the policy of raising the rank of Canadian ministers to that of ambassador, and that the Secretary of State for External Affairs be authorized to make recommendations for specific alterations of status in accordance with that policy in such cases as he deems expedient.

The Committee further advise that the usual steps be taken to submit this matter to His Majesty.

A. D. P. HEENEY Clerk of the Privy Council

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au Gouverneur général Secretary of State for External Affairs to Governor General

Ottawa, November 10, 1943

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith for the consideration of His Majesty the King a formal submission recommending that approval be given to the policy of raising Canadian ministers abroad to the rank of ambassador in such cases as the Secretary of State for External Affairs deems it expedient that such a change should be made, together with a formal submission<sup>†</sup> recommending that the