

I mention these matters not because I have reached any conclusion but because I think we must take them into account before we go to the Conference.

V. Very elaborate studies have been made of important economic questions such as the control of raw materials, the restriction of imports from enemy countries, possible arrangements with Allied and even neutral nations from the benefits of which enemy countries shall be excluded. Insofar as any proposals based upon the reports of various Committees during the past three years are not over-ridden by the Peace Terms, propounded by President Wilson and forming the basis of the armistice, we must I suppose consider carefully our position before the Conference begins.

VI. The territorial adjustments in the Balkans and elsewhere on the Continent of Europe and in the Turkish Empire have been closely studied by the Foreign Office, as I understand, and their views will doubtless be laid before the Cabinet in due course.

My colleagues and I together with the gentlemen who are associated with us have been giving attention to questions which especially concern Canada's interests. If in respect of other wider questions we can be of assistance you may be assured that we shall gladly render any service of which we are capable.

This letter does not call for any reply and it has been prompted solely by a desire to aid as far as possible in the great work that lies before us.

Yours faithfully,

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### 3. *Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

TELEGRAM

London, November 28, 1918

Referring to my despatch of 25th September Dominions No. 541 Secret in view of cessation of hostilities His Majesty's Government regard it as very desirable that Civil Aerial Navigation should be developed as rapidly as possible. They are therefore anxious to proceed at once with discussion with Allied Governments of draft International Convention on pages 27 and following of printed reports of Civil Aerial Transport Committee. Question has been further considered by His Majesty's Government and certain alterations have been made in draft convention which I am sending you in separate telegram.<sup>1</sup> Your Ministers will observe that these alterations result in the draft convention asserting in clearest possible manner principle of national sovereignty in the air *usque ad coelum* over national territory and territorial

<sup>1</sup>Not printed.