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Mr. McGuire seen at Laurier House.
12.45 p.m. November 23, 1946.

Memorandum for the Prime Minister

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I met Mr. Paul McGuire last evening and, as he recognized that it was very doubtful whether you would be able to see him, he asked me to send to you the attached letter of introduction from Mr. Menzies, which would explain in part his particular interest in having a few minutes of your time.

Apparently Mr. McGuire is quite close personally to Mr. Menzies, and also enjoyed, to some degree at least, the confidence of Mr. Curtin. Their interest in the question of Commonwealth relationships has led Mr. McGuire to decide to write a book on the matter, which he hopes to do in the near future. As he explained it to me, he knows that your views are not entirely in line with some of those which have been suggested in the past few years in Australia. He feels that it would be helpful in gaining a balanced appreciation of the matter to have even a few minutes' discussion with you.

I told Mr. McGuire that you were very busy and that I could not hold out any promise that you would be able to see him, but I undertook to forward the letter as he had requested.

Mr. McGuire leaves Ottawa shortly after noon today.

R.G.R.

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to see: Mr. Handy
Miss Zavitske

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