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*La délégation à l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies  
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Delegation to United Nations General Assembly  
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 298

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SECRET. IMMEDIATE (FOR CANADIAN EYES ONLY).

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## NEW MEMBERS

In the 24-hour interval between the meetings of co-sponsors (which we mentioned in our telegram No. 293 of November 15) the main purposes of the delegation were:

(A) to consult further with representatives of the great Powers concerning their attitude toward the admission of new members as contemplated in our draft resolution and

(B) to maintain and if possible widen the group of co-sponsors.

2. As regards (A), we had assured our twenty-one co-sponsors at the meeting yesterday that we would inform the Great Powers about our joint conviction that the Assembly should express itself on the subject and impress upon them our earnest belief that effective action should be taken at the present Assembly to bring about that admission of the largest possible group of new members. We had undertaken to report to the co-sponsors the reaction of the Great Powers.

3. As for (B), we were somewhat concerned that as a result of pressure by the Great Powers some of our co-sponsors might have second thoughts. We were aware that Spender, for example, was concerned about the United States attitude. We wondered whether some of the smaller powers could withstand the pressure upon them to defect. At the same time, we were confident from the warm expressions of support which we had received not only at last evening's meeting of co-sponsors but from many other delegations that our attitude in this matter was not only correct but highly appreciated by a large majority of delegations. This encouraged us to seek more co-sponsors.

4. Mr. Martin had discussions with Lodge, Dixon and Kuznetsov. Last evening he had spoken to a member of the French delegation. In these conversations he continued to emphasize our belief that an expression of opinion by the Assembly would assist the powers concerned to reach agreement on the admission of new members. He affirmed our determination to circulate formally a draft resolution. He urged Lodge, Dixon and Kuznetsov to strive for agreement, bearing in mind the wide support which our proposal would receive. He insisted that we had no intention of embarrassing anyone concerned but that we considered that time to act had arrived.

5. Lodge continued to argue that action first in the Security Council was to be preferred. He explained that his delegation was consulting closely with the other delegations concerned. He intended to press for an informal meeting of the Security Council, or at least of the Great Powers. At this meeting the admission of new members would be discussion but no formal decision would be taken. This, we believe, is the "dry run on seventeen" about which members of the United States have been speaking recently. The object would be to persuade the Soviet Union that it could not succeed in its effort to obtain seven affirmative