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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Attached is a telegram from the High Commissioner in London, conveying the King's approval of the proposed appointment of Mr. Ray Atherton as United States Minister to Canada. I have notified the United States Charge d'Affaires orally that this approval has been received and that our Agreement will be confirmed in writing. I have also notified Government House. I am attaching, for your signature, a formal submission which is to be sent forward to His Majesty for purposes of record.

The first public reference to the nomination of the new Minister will come when the President submits his name to the Senate for confirmation. Once the appointment has been announced in Washington, it will be in order for you to welcome it publicly. You may wish to have something along the following lines said to the press:

"Mr. Atherton's designation as the new United States Minister to Canada is very welcome. His distinguished career in the service of his country makes him a worthy successor to Mr. Pierrepont Moffat, whose ~~tragic and~~ untimely death was deeply felt. ~~I am confident that~~ Mr. Atherton's appointment will ~~continue the tradition of~~ close and cordial cooperation which has characterised relations between Canada and the United States."

*It is an error to ensure the continuation of*

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