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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

I am enclosing a useful memorandum on the eastern frontiers of Poland, prepared by R.G. Riddell, one of our Wartime Assistants in the Department, who was on the staff of the Department of History at the University of Toronto. It is a clear and objective summary of a complicated and difficult situation. The conclusion that something very much like the Curzon Line must be the eastern boundary of Poland seems to me inescapable. Neither claimant in the controversy over the disputed territories comes into court with quite clean hands, but in this case considerations of equity and considerations of necessity do not seem to me to be in very sharp conflict. It will be up to the United Kingdom and the United States to persuade the Polish Government to accept the settlement. Our principal concern in Canada is to see that the difficulties in reaching a settlement are not aggravated by press and Parliamentary controversies between spokesmen of the racial and political groups in Canada whose kinsmen will be affected by these territorial readjustments in Europe.

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