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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re: Honours and decorations - investiture

N.305.D You will remember that at the War Committee (most linet) on Wednesday, Mr. Ralston raised the question of date and place for the investiture of a number of members of the Services, including men receiving awards for the Dieppe raid, and that it was agreed that the investiture must be at Government House, and that December the 10th would be an appropriate date.

( toys) N:305-62 I find, on enquiry of Redfern, that December the 3rd was fixed by the Governor General a month or so ago and that invitations have already been sent out to recipients of awards, and their relatives. N.305-63-1 view of the fact that arrangements have reached this stage, involving transportation of Service personnel and members of their families from all over Canada, Redfern is afraid that it would be impossible to change the date. Further, the Governor General will not be in Ottawa on the 10th, and has a series of out-of-town engagements from the 9th on.

The only Ministers being invited to the investiture are the three Defence Ministers and the Secretary of State. It has been the Governor General's intention to ask you, personally, if you wish to attend.

Mr. Ralston has been told of the above and will be disappointed if, as seems to be the case, December the 3rd has to stand and you are unable to be present. Nevertheless, I hardly think, after what Redfern has said to me, a postponement should be requested, unless you wish to mention the matter, personally, to the Governor General.

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