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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Attached is a copy of a press statement on biological warfare, prepared for release in Ottawa on January 3rd. At the same time, similar but more elaborate statements on this subject are being issued in London and Washington. I understand the texts of the three statements have been carefully checked by the competent experts of the three Governments.

I do not think there is anything intrinsically objectionable in the Canadian draft and, given the decision of the United States and United Kingdom Governments to issue explanatory public statements about the research work they have done in the field of biological warfare, I do not see how the Department of National Defence can refrain from making some simultaneous statement on the subject.



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