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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Herewith, for your signature, is a letter to Lord Reith, summarizing the results of our discussions with his mission on tele-communications questions. It reserves our position under three main headings:

- (1) in maintaining the consultative character of the Commonwealth Communications Council;
- (2) in respect of financial liability for the acquisition and maintenance of oceanic cables; and
- (3) with regard to cooperation with the United States in the telecommunications field.

This draft was read and approved by Council on Tuesday. Lord Reith, who left yesterday by air for the United Kingdom, was prepared to stay on in Ottawa to discuss any aspects of the question which you might wish to raise. Mr. Howe and I told him that it would be very difficult for you to find any free time between now and next week, and that it was highly probable you would sign the attached letter, of which he was given a copy in draft.

W.L.M.