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which this memorandum is being communicated to the Special Deputies for Germany, our High Commissioner says:

"I have been instructed by the Government of Canada to submit to the Special Deputies the attached memorandum which gives its views on the German peace settlement. In submitting these views, the Canadian Government desires to emphasise that they are preliminary only and will, as is pointed out in the memorandum itself, be affected by the views of other Governments and by discussions between the belligerent powers which will later take place. The Canadian Government expresses the earnest hope that a procedure will be worked out for these later discussions which will be satisfactory to all the countries concerned and reflect their contributions to the war against Nasi Germany.

"It is the understanding of the Canadian Government that the presentation of this submission does not prejudice in any way Canada's subsequent appropriate association with other active belligerent powers in the making of peace with Germany. The Canadian Government has taken note of your statement that the Special Deputies are unable to give any assurance in this regard. Nevertheless, the Canadian Government hopes that you may report favourably to the Council of Foreign Ministers the suggestions contained in the memorandum which I forwarded under copy of my letter of January 14th".

May I emphasize, in conclusion, that the Government desires to play a heapful and constructive part in the German peace settlement. We are fully aware of the major interest in this settlement of those states which, because of their power or proximity, must carry