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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Attached are notes on a number of topics related to the raising of the Washington Legation to an Embassy, which you may wish to look at before seeing the press this morning.

As you know, the President is unable to say anything about his intention of nominating Atherton as first American Ambassador until after his name is submitted to the Senate.

Newspaper men will wish to know if this appointment foreshadows the elevation of other Canadian missions abroad to the rank of embassy. You cannot say anything about the arrangements we may make in concert with any individual country to raise our respective missions to the rank of embassy. You can I think say that in due course it is likely that arrangements will be made with other countries, particularly with our Allies, similar to that concluded with the United States.

If the question is raised, you could say that you expect to make an early announcement about the establishment of Legations in Mexico and Peru. You cannot say anything about the Ministers to be appointed until after their names have been submitted to the other governments.

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