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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

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Ottawa, July 25, 1956

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOLD COAST IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Mr. Robertson has now had a chance to examine the draft of your letter to Sir Anthony Eden on this subject, and has also discussed it with the Commonwealth Relations Office.

The only change suggested is one that arises out of the fact that the Gold Coast has now had its general elections with a result which indicates that independence will soon be granted and membership in the Commonwealth soon requested. Therefore, the phrase "a situation which is unlikely to occur for some time" may not be accurate, and the final sentence of the reply might be altered to read, "Of course, it is difficult to give specific commitments in regard to a situation in advance of its occurring, but I feel quite certain etc."

The Commonwealth Relations Office indicated that a reply in the terms of your draft would be helpful and that all the Prime Ministers' replies except that of the South African, which you have seen, were along the general lines of our draft.⁸²

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⁸² Le Cabinet a approuvé la version modifiée de la réponse de M. Saint-Laurent à M. Eden, qui a été envoyée à Londres le 26 juillet 1956.

The amended version of St. Laurent's reply to Eden was approved by Cabinet and sent to London on July 26, 1956.