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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Proposed question on Orders of the Day, by Mr. Hatch (Winnipeg South).

"Is it the intention of the Government to honour Mr. Herbert Hollick-Kenyon, noted Winnipeg Airman who flew Lincoln Ellsworth in his recent epic Antarctic Flight. Also Mr. J. H. Lymburner, associate of Mr. Hollick-Kenyon and an outstanding Canadian".

Mr. Hollick-Kenyon was the Pilot who flew Ellsworth across the Antarctic in an important exploration flight within the past half year. Mr. Lymburner was associated with Mr. Hollick-Kenyon in the work of the flight. These men are Canadians. Other persons connected with the flight have apparently all been honoured. This was an American Expedition.

National Defence state that they have had a dozen communications enclosing the Winnipeg Free Press editorial requesting the Canadian Government to honour Mr. Hollick-Kenyon and Mr. Lymburner. So far, however, the matter has not been considered. If the Government wish, it will be possible to appoint these men to an honorary rank in the Air Force.

In view of the Liberal attitude on Honours, you may wish to answer the question in the negative. If you wish to give a non-committal reply and to allow Mr. Mackenzie to go into the matter, the following is suggested:

"The Government have not thus far had occasion to give consideration to the advisability of honouring Mr. Hollick-Kenyon and Mr. Lymburner for their part in the recent Ellsworth Antarctic flight. I shall be pleased to bring this question to the attention of the Minister of National Defence upon his return to Ottawa".

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