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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

I am enclosing copy of a longish Departmental memorandum on the general problem of Germany after the war. It brings together and examines, more or less critically, the various types of policy toward a defeated Germany which are under consideration among the Allies. Copies of this memorandum were sent to a number of our officers abroad for their comments. Ritchie's strike me as particularly pertinent. Noting that the Departmental memorandum deals with the problem of Germany as it will face all the United Nations after Germany is defeated, and does not go into the question of Canada's specific relation to that problem, he goes on to say:

"It is axiomatic that our main interest in Germany like that of the other United Nations is that she be made and kept incapable of starting another war. Our position differs from that of some of the other United Nations in that we have no territorial claims against Germany. But two generations of Canadians have been involved in war by Germany's aggressions. And Canada may well be asked to participate with the other United Nations in plans extending over a period of years to keep Germany disarmed. She may have to undertake long term obligations with this object in view. Moreover the problem of Germany will be one of the central problems occupying any world security organisation which may be set up and in which Canada will no doubt participate. If the Canadian people are to assume these responsibilities and to continue in them for at least another generation, they must feel that Canadian policy towards Germany has been decided in terms of Canada's interests and that full opportunity has been given for Canada's views to be heard when the policy of the United Nations towards Germany is being formulated. The following are some of the practical questions which arise in this connection.

1. General Policy. It is desirable that the Canadian Government should be kept very fully informed concerning the claims of Russia and Poland to German eastern territories and any other territorial claims by any of the United Nations to German territory, in view of the bearing of such claims on the whole future of Germany.

2. The Canadian Government should be fully informed in advance of any statement of United Kingdom Government policy toward Germany, particularly as it will no doubt be thought