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Ottawa, January 7th, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re: Wartime Information Board -  
General Managership

Attached is an original letter to you from Grierson, expressing his intention of resigning the office of General Manager, in view of the increasing difficulty of handling both Wartime Information Board and the National Film Board. Attached also is a draft reply, for your signature or revision.

I am satisfied that Grierson's decision is a sound one. He has contributed greatly to the improvement of the government's information service by his energy and unusual creative powers. Looking back, I feel satisfied that the government were right in appointing him, after Vining's resignation. On the other hand, I have felt for some time that Grierson's peculiar qualities have served their purpose and that the time has come when he should, if possible, be replaced by someone of different capacities. Grierson is not, by nature, a manager or administrator. Now that his work is largely done it would be of advantage to have someone in this category.

Grierson intends to recommend Dunton, the Assistant General Manager, whom you know. In my opinion Dunton would be an excellent choice and would tighten up the Board's organization in a way which it badly needs.

If you agree to send Grierson a letter in the sense of the draft attached, I shall see that Grierson's resignation is dealt with at the Board's meeting next Monday and that a recommendation for the