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you come from widely separated communities, and are of different walks of life, the delegation as a whole will be in a position to inform our representatives on many matters on which we shall require information, and to discuss, with special knowledge, many problems which will have to be explored.

On our part, we shall be glad to furnish you with the fullest information possible. When our Government learned that the Newfoundland Convention had decided to send a delegation to Ottawa, we at once had our officials prepare such information as was most likely to be required. In the discussions, the appropriate officials will be at your disposal.

I have asked the following members of the Government to act as a Committee to meet with the delegates from Newfoundland: The Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs; The Right Honourable J.L. Ilesley, Minister of Justice; The Right Honourable C.D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply; The Honourable Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence; The Honourable D.C. Abbott, Minister of Finance; The Honourable J.J. McCann, Minister of National