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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

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-- As he felt that it would not be possible to see you, Mr. Roberts saw me on Saturday and outlined, in a general way, the article on defence which he is preparing for Saturday Evening Post, and said that instead of attempting to see you he would leave a letter setting forth the points on which he would like to have your guidance. The letter is attached hereto and covers a number of questions to which he would like to secure your answers, not necessarily, I believe, for quotation but, presumably, for authoritative guidance.

-- It seems clear that the article is one which might be susceptible of interpretation as advocating a policy which envisages the Soviet Union as a probable future enemy. In the circumstances, I drafted the attached reply to the effect that you do not feel that it would be desirable for you to attempt to express any views on the matters he has raised.

I have discussed the draft with Mr. Norman Robertson and he concurs in it.

NR
R. G. R.
(R. G. ROBERTSON)

February 4, 1946.

Since the above was dictated I have received your comment on my memo of Jan. 30, which is attached. It would appear that the draft letter is in accordance with the line you indicated.

NR