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TELEGRAM

FROM: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, OTTAWA
TO: THE RT. HON. THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, LONDON

Ottawa, July 11, 1945

Telegram No.

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Would you please submit to The King the following communication to His Majesty from myself, Begins:

Sir: I present my humble duty to Your Majesty.

As Your Majesty is aware, the present Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone assumed office on June the 21st, 1940. Were His Excellency prepared to consider an extension of his term, I would be very pleased so to recommend. Lord Athlone has, however, informed me that he does not think he should entertain the idea of having his term extended.

On account of the general elections having been fixed for June the 11th, I felt it my duty to be certain of the return of the present administration ~~to~~ power before making a recommendation to Your Majesty as to Lord Athlone's successor.

As there is now no doubt as to the continuance in office of the present administration, I have the honour to submit for Your Majesty's consideration the names of three gentlemen, each of whom I am sure would prove a worthy successor to Lord Athlone in the position of Governor General of Canada.

The names I have the honour to submit are the following:

1. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Airlie,
2. Field Marshal Sir ^{Herbert} William Alexander,
3. Mr. G. M. Trevelyan. *Member of Privy Council*