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Memorandum for the Prime Minister.

re Meat Rationing.

Attached are:

1. The draft statement of the announcement as prepared by Mr. Gordon in consultation with Mr. Ilsley, and revised by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Mackintosh.
2. A memorandum regarding the export embargo on lambs and sheep for use in communicating with Mr. Gardiner.

I explained to Mr. Ilsley that you wished to have the embargo question considered by Mr. Robertson before discussing it with Mr. Gardiner, and that you also wished to have Mr. Robertson see and consider the proposed statement. Mr. Robertson will be back in Ottawa tomorrow morning, and I shall give him copies of both documents as soon as he reaches the office, so that he will be in a position to discuss them with you by telephone during the day.

Mr. Gordon is naturally anxious to have the announcement made as soon as possible, so as to avoid a "leak" but is reconciled to delaying it until Friday morning, so as to allow sufficient time for consideration of the points involved.

You may also wish to have Mr. Ilsley read the revised statement to Council tomorrow.

J.W.P.

4th July, 1945.

JWP/JMC