

index have not been acted upon because, unlike the period covered by the preceding volumes, the decision-making process had become so diffuse as to make such an index meaningless. On the majority of issues the imprint of the Under-Secretary was in initialling the memorandum, draft, or telegram and occasional marginal notations that have in any case been reproduced along with the document.

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In order to save space and avoid unnecessary repetitions, standard shortened forms of captions have been used in certain cases. Captions for documents originating in or addressed to officers within a Division of the Department of External Affairs identify the division while omitting the name of the Department. The officers of each Division are listed in the organization chart of the headquarters of the Department inside the front cover. Captions for documents originating with or addressed to the Canadian delegations to the first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations also use a shortened form throughout the volume (Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations) even though Canada was represented by different delegations at the two parts of the first session. The date of the document indicates to which part of the session the document belongs and a list of the members of the two delegations is appended for easy reference (see Appendix A). Members of Canadian delegations to other international meetings of 1946 are listed in the *Annual Report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs* for 1946. It should be noted that Canadian delegations at conferences abroad used the services of the nearest Canadian post to send and receive telegrams; there-