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PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR MR. MACKENZIE KING FROM MR. ATTLEE

DATED 4th SEPTEMBER, 1948

Agenda for Prime Ministers' Meetings

I have been considering subjects which we might talk over at our meeting and now suggest the following provisional list:-

- (i) International Relations with particular reference to the Soviet Union.
- (ii) The future of Germany.
- (iii) Japanese problems and the future of the Pacific.
- (iv) Commonwealth interest in collaboration with Western Europe.
- (v) General economic situation and the European Recovery Programme.
- (vi) The development of economic resources of the Commonwealth.
- (vii) Defence questions.
- (viii) Machinery for consultation between Commonwealth Governments.

If there are any items which you wish added I would be grateful if you would let me know as early as possible.

2. I need not say that, apart from the matters on the list, I greatly hope that we shall be able to take the opportunity to have less formal gatherings and informal discussions between individuals, and it may well be also that there will prove to be advantage in keeping the number of plenary meetings down.

3. I am telegraphing in similar terms to the other Commonwealth Prime Ministers.