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Ottawa, July 12, 1947.

Dear Sir,

Military Aspects of the Peace  
Settlement with Japan.

A conference of Commonwealth representatives is to be held in Canberra beginning August 26th, to discuss various aspects of the peace settlement with Japan. As you know, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, will head the Canadian delegation.

The purpose of the conference is not to formulate a Commonwealth policy with respect to the Japanese peace settlement, but merely to provide for an exchange of views. An effort is therefore being made to formulate Canadian views on the more important issues that will be discussed.

Problems of military security in the Pacific area will be included in the agenda of the Canberra conference, and your assistance is therefore being requested for a tentative statement of Canadian requirements under this heading. Specifically, your views on the following points would be appreciated:

- (a) The minimum demilitarization requirements for the peace treaty.
- (b) Machinery for enforcing demilitarization.
- (c) Military aspects of economic controls for Japan, and
- (d) Security aspects of territorial adjustments.

The attached memorandum provides some background information on the forthcoming conference and on the headings listed above. This Department will gladly provide, as far as possible, any further information or assistance which you may require.

As all the documentation for the conference must be edited and collated before the Canadian delegation leaves Ottawa for Australia, it would be appreciated if materials which you prepare could reach this Department before July 31.

(Sgd.) L.B. Pearson

Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.

The Secretary,  
Chiefs of Staff Committee,  
Department of National Defence,  
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Encl. Memorandum with  
attachments (5 copies)