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In the following paragraphs the relationship of the documents in this brief to the probable agenda headings is indicated.

1. Adoption of agenda: The paper entitled "Agenda for the Canberra Conference" contains recommendations with respect to the order of business at the conference. (See also Appendix B).

2. Procedure: The paper entitled "Procedure" gives a complete treatment of all aspects of the procedural question. (See also items 3 and 4 in Appendix A).

3. Territorial Adjustments: The principal territorial transfers to be confirmed in the peace treaty have been to a considerable extent predetermined in the declarations and agreements of the Great Powers (See Appendix F); material prepared therefore deals principally with the disposition of minor Japanese islands. This question is treated in the memorandum entitled "Disposition of the Japanese Islands" and in item 4 of Appendix D, entitled "Territorial Settlement".

4. Disarmament and Demilitarization: Questions relative to this subject were raised in a memorandum addressed to the Chiefs of Staff, entitled "Military Aspects", this paper is included in the section of the same name, together with a reply submitted by the Chiefs of Staff in a letter dated August 7.

5. Economic Requirements for the Peace Settlement: Documentation on this subject is fairly extensive, in view of the importance to Canada of the economic aspects of the peace settlement. The following papers included in this brief come under the general heading of economic requirements:

- (1) "Economic Demilitarization and Economic Control". This paper discusses both the short and long term measures which may be necessary to ensure that Japan will not rebuild her war potential.
- (2) "Aluminum Exports from Canada to Japan", and
- (3) "Nickel Exports from Canada to Japan"

These two papers discuss Canada's pre-war market in Japan for these two strategic raw materials in relation to possible long-term controls of the Japanese economy.

- (4) "The Japanese Shipbuilding Industry". A short memorandum on this subject is accompanied by a letter from the Department of Transport, discussing the future of Japanese shipbuilding and ship-owning in relation to Canadian shipping interests.