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Memorandum for the Prime Minister:

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Re: Statement on Immigration Policy

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Attached is a further draft of the statement, which was prepared in accordance with your directions of yesterday, and following discussion in a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Immigration which took place at 5 o'clock yesterday.

The principal alterations in this draft from the previous one are as follows:

- Amended*
- (a) The long-term objective of 100,000 immigrants per year has been deleted.
 - (b) On page 4, with reference to admissible relatives, a general statement has been inserted that "further extensions are being considered". This arose out of the discussion relating to Senator Roebuck's letter. The Committee did not feel that more specific reference should be made.
 - (c) At the bottom of page 5 a more specific reference to movement of groups of refugees has been inserted. This was suggested by the Department of Labour and agreed to by the Committee.
 - (d) On page 8 specific references to Chinese, East Indians and Japanese have been inserted. With regard to the Japanese, the Committee had much doubt as to what should be said. There was some suggestion that the final qualification regarding exclusion as an indefinite future commitment should be omitted.
 - (e) The summary of the statement of policy has been dropped.