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Memorandum for the Prime Minister

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The attached letter from the Canadian Corps Association was received by External Affairs, whose files show that Mr. Massey had already received a communication from Colonel Reynolds. (See copy of telegram attached.) The request of the Canadian Corps Association was discussed with Mr. Robertson, who feels that it should not be acceded to. A reply for the Prime Minister's signature has been drafted in that sense.

It is noteworthy that no suggestion was received that the Prime Minister, (or any other Canadian), should speak until Colonel Reynolds was forced to apply to the Prime Minister for support for his invitations to Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt. Even then the invitation is, to say the least, ungracious.

Mr. Hankinson telephoned from the High Commissioner's office to say that Colonel Reynolds had been trying to get Mr. MacDonald to intervene with Mr. Churchill, and that Mr. MacDonald was very reluctant to do so.

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