

Colombo, and furthermore, a visit to Colombo in the summer months would be a good change from the intense heat of New Delhi.

9. The matter was submitted to Cabinet which on May 6, 1948 decided against the extension of representation to Ceylon. It agreed that for the present an exchange of representatives with Ceylon was inadvisable and that any matter which Ceylon might wish to discuss with the government could be taken up with the representative of Ceylon in the United States if the Ceylon government so desired.

10. In view of these circumstances and of the relatively minor role which Ceylon plays in both Commonwealth and international affairs, it might still be thought best to have our High Commissioner in New Delhi also accredited to Ceylon, with a fairly junior officer located in Colombo throughout the year. Generally speaking, relations between India and Ceylon are good, although there is some disagreement over the entry to Ceylon of Indian immigrants and much discussion regarding the rights and disabilities of Indians resident in Ceylon.

11. It might be added that the United Kingdom, India and Australia have High Commissioners in Colombo.

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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Ottawa, July 13, 1949

MISSION IN PAKISTAN

If we are to open a Mission in Pakistan, early action is desirable with a view to obtaining accommodation because reports indicate there is a very serious building shortage in that country. Before we instruct the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Karachi to commence any negotiations, the Under-Secretary felt that you would wish to make a report to Cabinet and ensure that there are no objections to our proceeding to obtain an option in the event that a suitable building can be located.

2. To enable you to make this report to Cabinet I attach a departmental memorandum dated July 12 on the subject. The case for establishing such an office is set forth in paragraph 3, perhaps in somewhat greater detail than you will require. The principal arguments are reciprocity, the importance of Pakistan as a Muslim and