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Ottawa, August 6, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re Grave of Sir John A. Macdonald

The Honourable W. F. Nickle, of Kingston, telephoned this afternoon. He is Chairman of the Board of the Cataraqui Cemetery. He said that the statement which appeared in this morning's papers, about the possibility of the cemetery repossessing the grave of Sir John A. Macdonald or any part of the lot, is wholly without foundation, was not authorized by him or any member of the Board, and that his first knowledge of the story was when he read it in the press this morning. He immediately called a meeting of the Board, and thereafter issued a statement to the press to the effect that the Board had kept the grave in repair ever since the death of Hugh John Macdonald, and intend to continue doing so without remuneration; that the Board regard the maintenance of Sir John's grave in good condition as a public trust which they are happy to carry out in honour of the memory of a great Canadian.

Mr. Nickle's only purpose in telephoning was to let you know that there was no ground for concern in the matter. I told him you would greatly appreciate his kindness in sending word to you.

E.A.P.

* - This has not appeared in the afternoon papers.
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