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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALL

1. Mr. Bryce had not had opportunity to discuss your Security Policy memo of 16 February with Mr. Fulton by the time I saw Mr. Bryce on late afternoon of February 17th.

2. He commented on para 1(c), which he felt was already covered, at least in a broad way, in the present Cabinet Directive. In any event he saw little hope of getting the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice to meet with the Special Committee even by the time the R.C.M.P. estimates might come up in the House in May, possibly.

3. With reference para 1(a), he telephoned Mr. Fulton and suggested that Fulton tell Watson of the CBC that participation in the programme was not appropriate now but in the course of the next few months the government might be in a better position. They agreed that this might provide Watson with sufficient incentive to delay the first programme in the series. It was my understanding that Mr. Fulton would call Watson Friday evening along these lines.

4. Mr. Bryce wanted to know whether several of the points you made might not all go forward at the same time. I told him that the revision of the Cabinet Directive would be most dependent on a Cabinet decision on the review problem and that you felt any public statement of the type suggested by the R.C.M.P. should follow, not precede, such a decision. Further, that we could not see what the Panel would have to discuss if called now in view of the facts that a paper had already been considered on the review and appeal approach and the Panel's opinion was on record, and that the Special Committee of the Panel was on record re human weaknesses, both of which awaited higher decisions. Consideration by the Panel of paras (e) to (g) before the other two points were settled appeared cart-before-horse to us. He did not appear wholly convinced but neither he nor Mr. Fulton mentioned a meeting of the Panel during their conversation and Mr. Bryce only brought it up again in the context of having our position completely prepared in case the CBC programme precipitated an uproar about security in his absence in England. He left it that the three of us had better talk about your memo again on Monday.

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5. During his conversation with Mr. Fulton he suggested and Fulton agreed that the review paper would be placed on the Cabinet agenda for consideration Tuesday. The human weakness paper was not mentioned between them.



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