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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERTSON:

Publication of Security Directives

Sent to P.M.
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I attach a memorandum in response to the Prime Minister's request for a report arising out of Mr. Donald S. Macdonald's comments on the recent debate of Mr. Orlikow's Motion for the production of security statements and directives. I regret its length, but I felt that a detailed report was justified.

As the Prime Minister may wish to discuss the attached report with Mr. Macdonald, or possibly show it to him, I felt I could not make reference in it to one of the very persuasive reasons why it would have been undesirable to accede in any way to Mr. Orlikow's Motion. You will recall that, shortly after the Motion was introduced, we prepared for the signature of the Minister of Justice a directive to the R.C.M. Police concerning the interception of communications. There has never been any doubt that the sensitivity of the operations arising from this directive, and from earlier directives of a similar nature, was such that they could not be made public. In order to protect these operations, and indeed a number of others, it was of very great importance that the Orlikow Motion be defeated. The wording of the Motion was such that these directives could not legitimately have been excluded from any positive response which the Government might have made.

Incidentally, you may wish to know that the procedures which were agreed upon in this respect have been in operation for some weeks, and the first monthly review took place on September 4.

Could we discuss these matters before you take them up with the Prime Minister?

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