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March 5th, 1959.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

You may recall that last summer you asked us to review our policy concerning security cases involving weaknesses of character rather than disloyalty. This arose in part out of consideration of the case of a man who wrote to you.

I have now had the staff here, in consultation with others in Ottawa, prepare a report on these cases of character weakness and the policy that should be followed. On the whole they came to the conclusion that we should maintain the policy that has been followed heretofore, as there is considerable evidence cited that these weaknesses of character are sought and exploited by the Russian intelligence services.

In regard to the particular case, I have re-drafted the letter to him to be sent by your office which would embody this conclusion.

I have not put this general question to the Security Panel, the committee of officials that deals with these issues, and I thought I would show the report to you first in draft form to see whether you felt the matter should be taken up with the Panel and whether you would wish to answer the letter along the lines suggested.

I have enclosed the draft report and the file of correspondence on the particular case in sealed envelopes herewith, as I assume it may take a few days until you get a chance to read them.

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*Returned to Mr.
Bryce and opened
on 22 April/59.
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