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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRYCE

Re: Meeting of the Security Panel

Barring unforeseen events, the Security Panel should meet on Monday, July 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Privy Council Committee Room. I thought you might like to have a brief note on the various items on the agenda, together with the attached set of papers to be considered.

I. Soviet Bloc Vessels in
the St. Lawrence Seaway

Foreign Consult

I think you have seen all the correspondence concerning this problem, and are aware that we are considering it largely

It appears that

I believe an attempt was made to have the two Seaway organizations take this on as a joint responsibility, and you may wish to ask Mr. Roberts about this. (Incidentally, I expect he will wish to leave after consideration of this item).

I understand from External Affairs that Mr. Green feels that security considerations should not stand in the way of free passage of ships in the Seaway, but I expect that Norman Robertson will have more to say about this at the Panel. I believe the R.C.M. Police take the view that some security precautions are necessary, but they seem prepared to take a reasonable view.

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II.
and

III. Immigration Security Policy

We have discussed these two papers, which Fortier is very anxious to have the Panel look at in order that he might trim up a number of tag ends in present immigration security policy.

IV. Security Cases Involving
Character Weaknesses

The basic question we have posed in this paper is whether or not any modification can be made in present security policy concerning the employment in sensitive positions of persons with defects of character. We doubt that there can be any relaxation, but hope for a full and lively discussion in the Panel.

In addition to these four items, the Panel would normally have discussed the draft revision of the Cabinet Directive on Security, Security Panel Document SP-196, which we deferred at the last meeting for lack of time. However, when you and I last discussed this we agreed that the Sub-Panel should be asked to go into this question again after Cabinet had arrived at a decision on the security review system. You may wish to have the Panel's concurrence in this.



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