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Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe with his humble duty has the honour to recommend that The Queen should be pleased to signify her pleasure that, if during Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom a new administration should have to be appointed by reason of the resignation or death of the Prime Minister, the selection of a successor and the approval of the members of the new Administration shall be reserved for The Queen's personal decision and that the Counsellors of State appointed for the period of Her Majesty's absence shall in this matter exercise the Royal functions to the extent only of carrying out the formalities connected with the appointment of a new Administration after The Queen's approval of the appointments has been given.

David Maxwell Fyfe

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