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* The Marquess of Linlithgow to Mr. Amery

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PRIVATE AND PERSONAL

No. 1968-S. Your private and personal telegram No. 799@ of July 1st. I would prefer (a) to issue announcement in paragraph 4 as a separate announcement, and to accompany it with (b) a communique in the following terms :—

Begins. His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Sir E. C. Benthall, Sir Jogendra Singh, Sir J. P. Srivastava and Sir Mohammad Usman to the Executive Council of the Governor-General of India.

The following appointments to portfolios have been made by the Governor-General :—

As Member in charge of “Information” Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar in succession to the late Right Hon’ble Sir Akbar Hydari.

As Member in charge of “Civil Defence” Sir J. P. Srivastava in succession to the late Dr. Raghavendra Rao.

As Member for “War Transport” and for “Posts and Air” respectively consequent on the appointment of Sir Andrew Clow, late Member in charge of “Communications”, to be Governor of Assam, Sir E. C. Benthall and Sir Hohammad Usman.

As Member for “Defence” Sir Firoz Khan Noon.

* The Transfer of Power, Vol. II, No. 211, pp. 300-01.

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To succeed Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar as Commerce Member on his appointment as a Representative of India at the War Cabinet, Mr. N. R. Sarker.

As Member in charge of the Department of Education, Health and Lands in succession to Mr. Sarker, Sir Jogendra Singh.

As Member in charge of the Department of Labour in succession to Sir Firoz Khan Noon, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

The Portfolio of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will in future be designated the “War” portfolio.

The new Defence Member will be responsible for the work at present discharged by the Defence Co-ordination Department, together with such other matters relating to the defence of India as are not included in the portfolios of “War” and “Civil Defence”.

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