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Mr. E. W. Griffith,
Relief Administrator,
Department of Unemployment,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Mr. Griffith: re Children of Enemy Aliens

You received a letter, I believe from Mr. Harry
Hereford, Dominion Commissioner, on the above subject.

Dr. Davidson asked me to write the Minister of
Labour pointing out that it cost more than relief to keep
the children of enemy aliens. Mr. Hereford does not seem
to have quite got my point, but will you tell me this -
can you authorize him to pay us for such children at our
regular rate, or shall I take up the battle with them again?
I know the Children's Aid Society have two children now, and
I am afraid before this war is ended we may have quite a num-
ber. We cannot afford, as you know, to keep them at relief
rates.

Yours very truly,

I. Harvey,
Superintendent of
Child Welfare,

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CANADA

DOMINION UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Ottawa, July 23, 1940.

Miss Isobel Harvey,
Superintendent of Neglected Children,
Department of the Provincial Secretary,
Child Welfare Branch,
410 Seymour Street,
Vancouver, British Columbia.

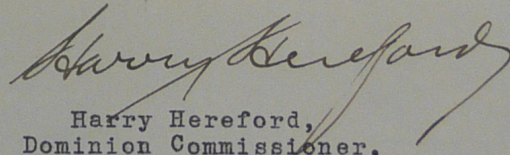
Dear Madam:

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of yours of July 18th with which you enclose copy of a communication which you have received from the Minister of Justice relative to the maintenance of children of enemy aliens.

You are apparently not familiar with the arrangement under which the Dominion Government is paying for the cost of relief given to the necessitous dependents of interned enemy aliens and for your information I would say that we have made arrangements through the Unemployment Relief Administration (Mr. E.W. Griffith) of Victoria by which the municipalities make a separate billing in respect to these cases for which we pay 100% instead of 40% as under the agreement for ordinary cases.

The arrangements provide for Federal investigation and approval of the cases before responsibility is accepted, but I am sending a copy of your communication and this reply to Mr. E.W. Griffith, Relief Administrator, Department of Labour, Victoria, so that he may advise you in respect to the matter.

Yours sincerely,


Harry Hereford,
Dominion Commissioner.

