To: Mr. H. F. Angue

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Subject: The Conference on the Problem of the Japanese in British Columbia.

l. I enclose for distribution to some members of the Conference, if desired, ten espice of the letter of March 14, 1941, to employers of trade unions re Employment of Citizens and Aliens from the Minister of Labour, to which Major General LaFleche referred this morning. This letter was approved by Council.

2. The Conference cannot disregard the reports from those of its members who have recently come from British Columbia about the existing state of public apprehension. It may, however, be useful to analyse this apprehension into its component parts as follows:

- (a) Well-founded apprehension about security shared by the Departments of Mational Defence and the R.C.M.F.;
- (b) Probably not well-founded, but excusable, apprehension about security, based in part on reasonable public doubt as to whether the Departments of Mational Defence and the R.C.M.P. have properly gauged the situation;
- (c) Definitely not well-founded, but understandable, apprehension about security, reflecting an excusable state of public norvousness;
- (d) Apprehension about security being deliberately festered and intended to arouse latent race projudice, partly by misguided individuals with good intentions, partly by other individuals for alterior purposes.

Each of the four elements mentioned above calls for a different type of action by the Government, somewhat as follows:

- (a) Prosumably the steps already taken and now astively under contemplation will remove any basis for well-founded apprehension;
- (b) Perhaps it would be not approposable for the Government to take more than the minimum stops addressy to remove well-founded approbantes in consideration of the excusable approbantes in montioned in (b) above.

(c) The Government should undertake positive compaign of education as presumably planned to alley the apprehension of the kind mentioned in (c) above;

(4) The Government must also take positive stops to discourage, and if necessary suppress, all efforts to foster apprehension, whether from misguided but good intentions or for ulterior purposes, because these efforts will not only impair the effectiveness of our present var effort and complicate our relations with the United States Covernment, but also lead to increasing disunity in Canada by stimulating unjust discrimination against other unpopular minority groups, including even the French Ganadians.

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