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Ottawa, August 4th, 1945.

The Honourable H. Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The following item dealt with at the meeting of Cabinet on August 2nd, 1945, is of direct interest to you.

Defence of Canada Regulations; revision; -

It was agreed:

- (a) that the report submitted by the Inter-departmental Committee be approved and the Committee directed to prepare a submission to the Governor in Council for implementing the recommendations therein set forth;
- (b) that, specifically and in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, section 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations be revoked, provision being made for control of persons of Japanese race by amendment of Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, 1943;
- (c) that the Committee be directed to consider and report further upon the reduction of existing regulations and administrative arrangements for censorship; and,

- (d) that the Committee be directed to review and report upon the revocation or modification of regulations governing the placement and control of persons of Japanese race in Canada, in order that appropriate action thereon might be taken by the government at the time of the general revision of the Defence of Canada Regulations contemplated in the Committee's report.

Yours sincerely,

A.D.P. Heeney,
Secretary to the Cabinet.

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Ottawa, August 4th, 1945.

The Honourable J.J. McCann, M.D.,
Minister of National War Services,
O T T A W A.

Dear Dr. McCann:

The following item dealt with at the meeting of Cabinet on August 2nd, 1945, is of direct interest to you.

Defence of Canada Regulations; revision -

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- (c) that the Committee be directed to consider and report further upon the reduction of existing regulations and administrative arrangements for censorship; and,

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- (d) that the Committee be directed to review and report upon the revocation or modification of regulations governing the placement and control of persons of Japanese race in Canada, in order that appropriate action thereon might be taken by the government at the time of the general revision of the Defence of Canada Regulations contemplated in the Committee's report.

Yours sincerely,

A.D.P. Heeney,
Secretary to the Cabinet.

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Ottawa, August 3rd, 1945.

F. P. Varcoe, Esq., K.C.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Varcoe:

The report of the Interdepartmental Committee constituted by Order in Council P.C. 4136 of June 7th last, to consider and report upon appropriate modification and amendment of emergency war legislation was considered by the Cabinet yesterday and the following paragraph is a note of the conclusions reached, after discussion:

The Cabinet agreed:

(a) that the report submitted by the Interdepartmental Committee be approved and the Committee directed to prepare a submission to the Governor in Council for implementing the recommendations therein set forth;

(b) that, specifically and in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, section 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations be revoked, provision being made for control of persons of Japanese race by amendment of Order in Council P.C. 946 of February 5th, 1943;

(c) that the Committee be directed to consider and report further upon the reduction of existing regulations and administrative arrangements for censorship; and,

(d) that the Committee be directed to review and report upon the revocation or modification of regulations governing the placement and

control of persons of Japanese race in Canada, in order that appropriate action thereon might be taken by the government at the time of the general revision of the Defence of Canada Regulations contemplated in the Committee's report.

I suggest that for the purpose set out in (d) above it would be appropriate for the Committee to co-opt a representative from the Department of Labour, which has to do directly with the regulations in question. With respect to (c) above, I understand that the Department of External Affairs will be able to give some information as to the policy being adopted by the U.K. and U.S. governments.

I shall look forward to receiving from you, in due course, a further report from the Committee.

I am sending a copy of this letter to your Minister for his information.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. P. Heeney
Secretary to the Cabinet.