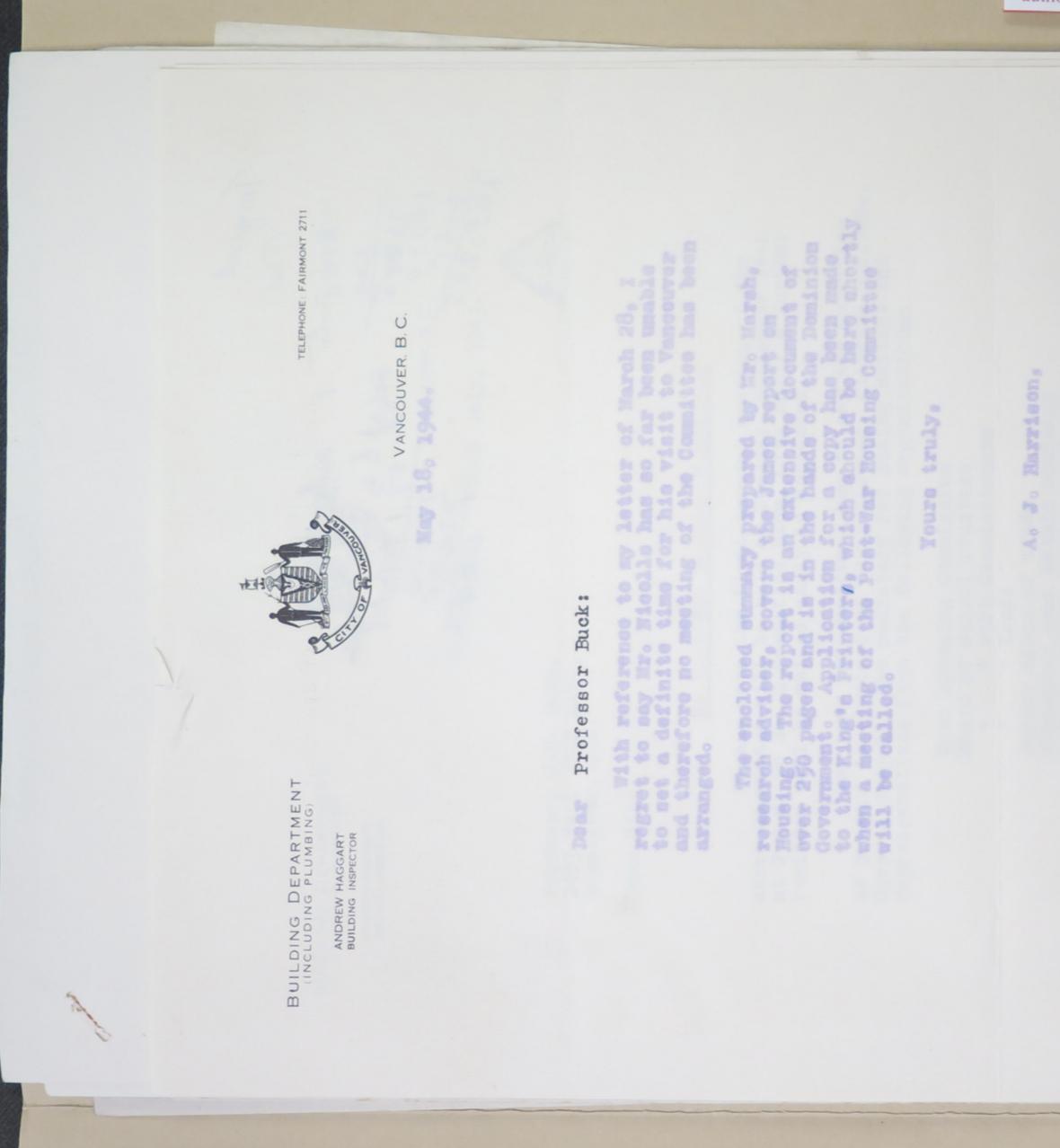
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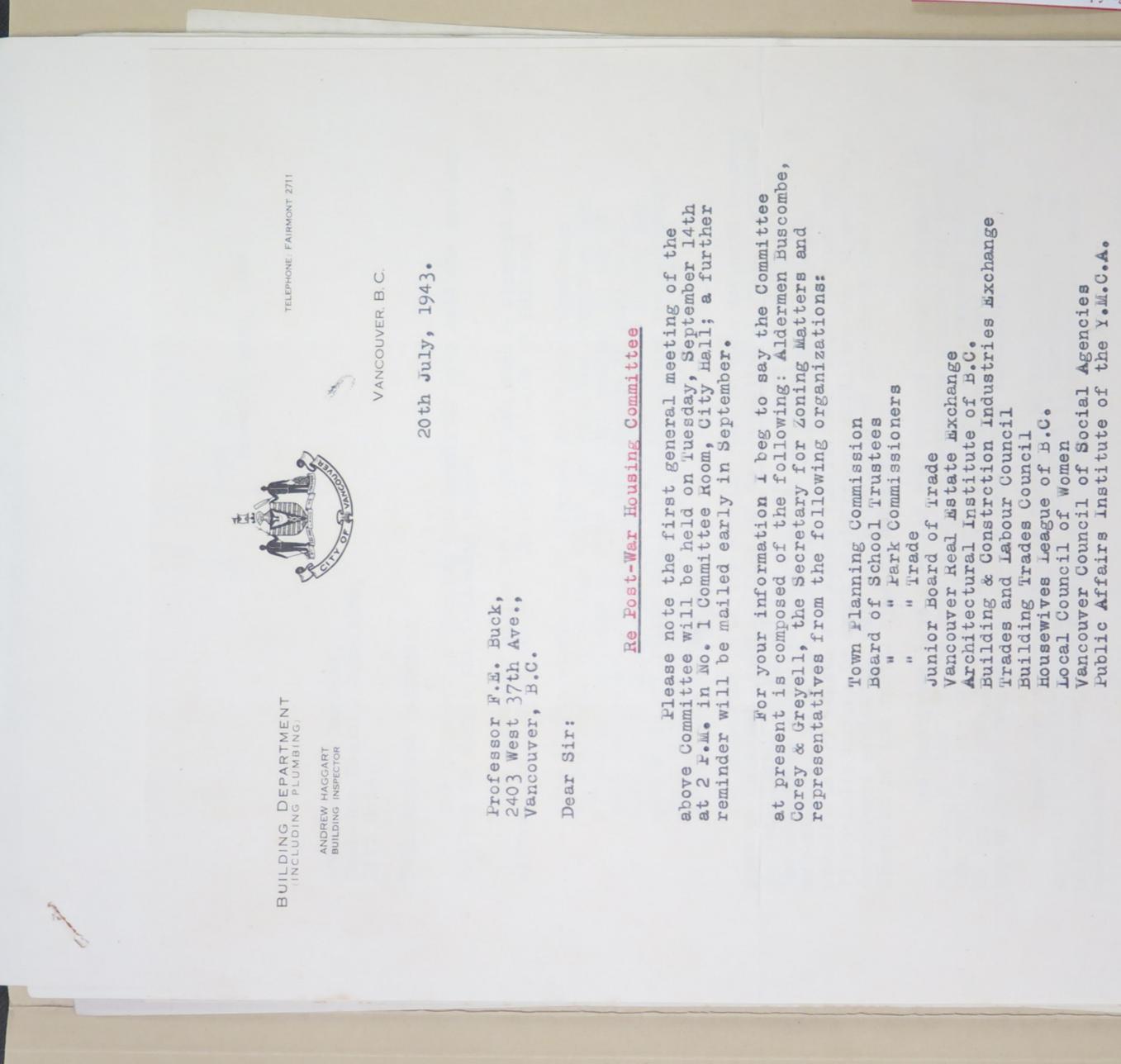
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truly SECRETARY Very Yours

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The Committee is of the opinion that no very definite improvement in existing accommodation can be accomplished until a standard is established by By-law not only for existing dwellings but for new dwellings also. Persons must no longer be permitted to erect sub-standard dwellings that tond to develop slums and create unsatisfactory health and social conditions. Where persons are financially unable to erect satisfactory dwellings for themselves, Government assistance must be forthcoming or provision made by the erection of low rental housing schemes. meeting "For fixing standards of fitness for human habitation to which all dwellings shall conform; for requiring the owners of dwellings to make the same conform to any of such standards; for prohibiting the use of such dwell-ings which do not conform to any standard so fixed; for governing and regulating persons in the use and occupaney of dwellings and for appointing inspectors for the enforcement of the By-law." 5 -1 a standard follows: oue 1943 held 28th, 0 50 tsh such roads as have Lty Hall, December establish tor and roa -Committee City report authority to es the City Charter Sub Housing Su following and Members, Housing Committee, Mesdames: the the the necessary included in Standard submit t and

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MB The Committee is aware that a Standard of Housing By-lar has already been drafted, but in their opinion it is not sufficiently wide in its scope to include all types of housing accommodation since such a standard should apply to single, duplox and apartment dwellings, lodging and rooming houses.

Committee will, with the approvel of the Major Committee to draft the mein principles of a Standard of Housing embrace all types of dwellings with particular reforence and rooming houses and ordinary rented premises. ondoevour t By-lew to e to lodging Tho

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If a proper standard of housing is established, people must be taught to respect the property of the landlord, and not wreck it as some do to-day, and also to keep the premises and the neighborhood clean and tidy; in fact all persons must be stimulated to take a keener and more public interest in the housing accommodation and environment of the whole community.

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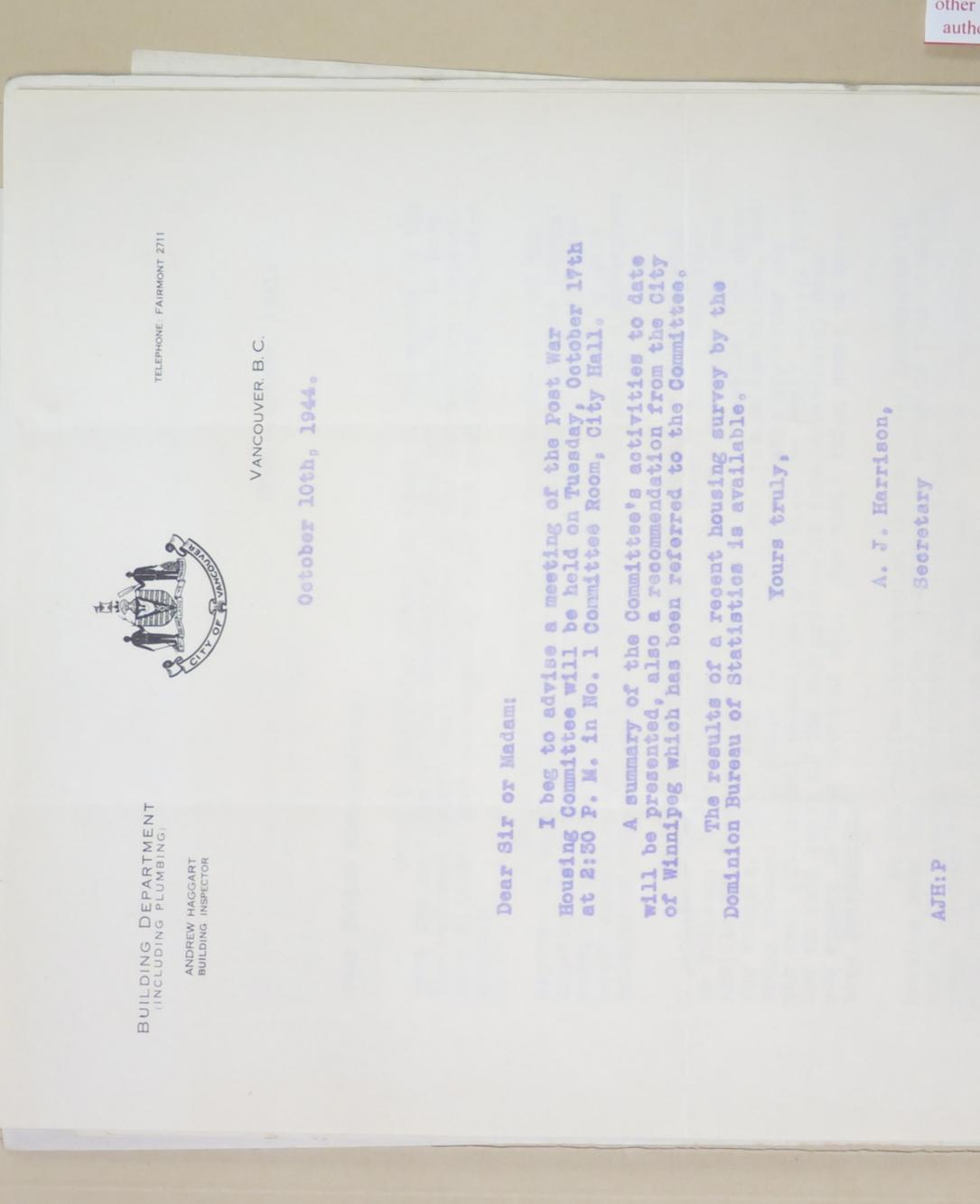
Vancouver Post-War Housing Committee correspondence . Replying to your letter of February 17th enclosing a resolution you wish to place before the Post-War Housing Committee; as soon as I can obtain certain information from the East I hope to arrange with the Chairman to call a meet-ing and will advise you accordingly. Post-War Housing Committee U Yours truly, m • 1944 VANCOUVER. 26th, February Columbia, Professor F. E. Buck, University of British C Vancouver, B. C. Dear Professor Buck: BUILDING DEPARTMEN HAGGART AJH:P ANDREW BUILDING

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An evening paper of yesterday (February 26th) carried as follows: "Must Find Homes for 200,000 War Workers". In this article Mr. Hutchison gives some startling information. He says, for example, that: "The war boom did not produce new houses, and today vacancies in homes in the country at large are under one per cent (The normal vacancy ratio is five per cent) Up to now on this phase of the war problem it (the Government) does been overlooked."

As you realize the agencies in Vancouver interested in housing have been very active in attempting to bring this problem before the Federal Government and realize that in allowing housing needs to come very near to a danger point, we are jeopardizing much more than an efficient war effort.

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> and Members Housing Committee War 4 h To the Chai of the Post City Hall.

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> 001 Committee Appointee

This Committee comprising Aldermen Buscombe, Corey and Greyell and the Secretary for Zoning Matters was appointed on Fobruary 15th, 1942. The Committee met on several occasions and to clarify its position made the following recommendation to Council which was adopted Mey 17th, 1943.

"That the Special Committee on Low Gest Housing be re-nemed the post War Housing Committee, and that it be given authority to add to its membership representatives of such civic bodies or citizens as may be interested in the post- war housing problem, and that the Committee be further authorized to enquire and report from time to time upon what steps are being taken by the Dominion with regard to post-war housing schemes and to ondervour to for a post-war housing problem for the Condian Cities with regard to post-war housing schemes and to ondervour to for author." ×

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This committee met on several occasions and con-sidered the problems of housing rehabilitation from many angles. Discussions were net with the Corporation from many angles. Discussions were net with the Corporation counsel regarding the powers of the City to enter this particular field and as already mentioned, certain charter Amondments were found to be necessary. Some study was given to two city blocks as an example, and such dotails obtained as to occupaney, ownership, and assessed value, but apparently little can be accom-plished under the National Housing Act unless such Housing Corporation or an insurance company. tion Rohabilitar a rutanto a Com acted

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As the problem of housing is national in its character the Dominion Government appointed a special committee (Curtis Committee) to examine and report on the whole situation. Subsequently, Vancouver and all large cities have awaited the findings of this group and further action by the Dominion Government. In the meantime the committee was divided into the following sub-committees; only two of these have been able to finance, New Arons, Construction, Rehabilitation, standard of Housing. The last two submit the following roports on their work.

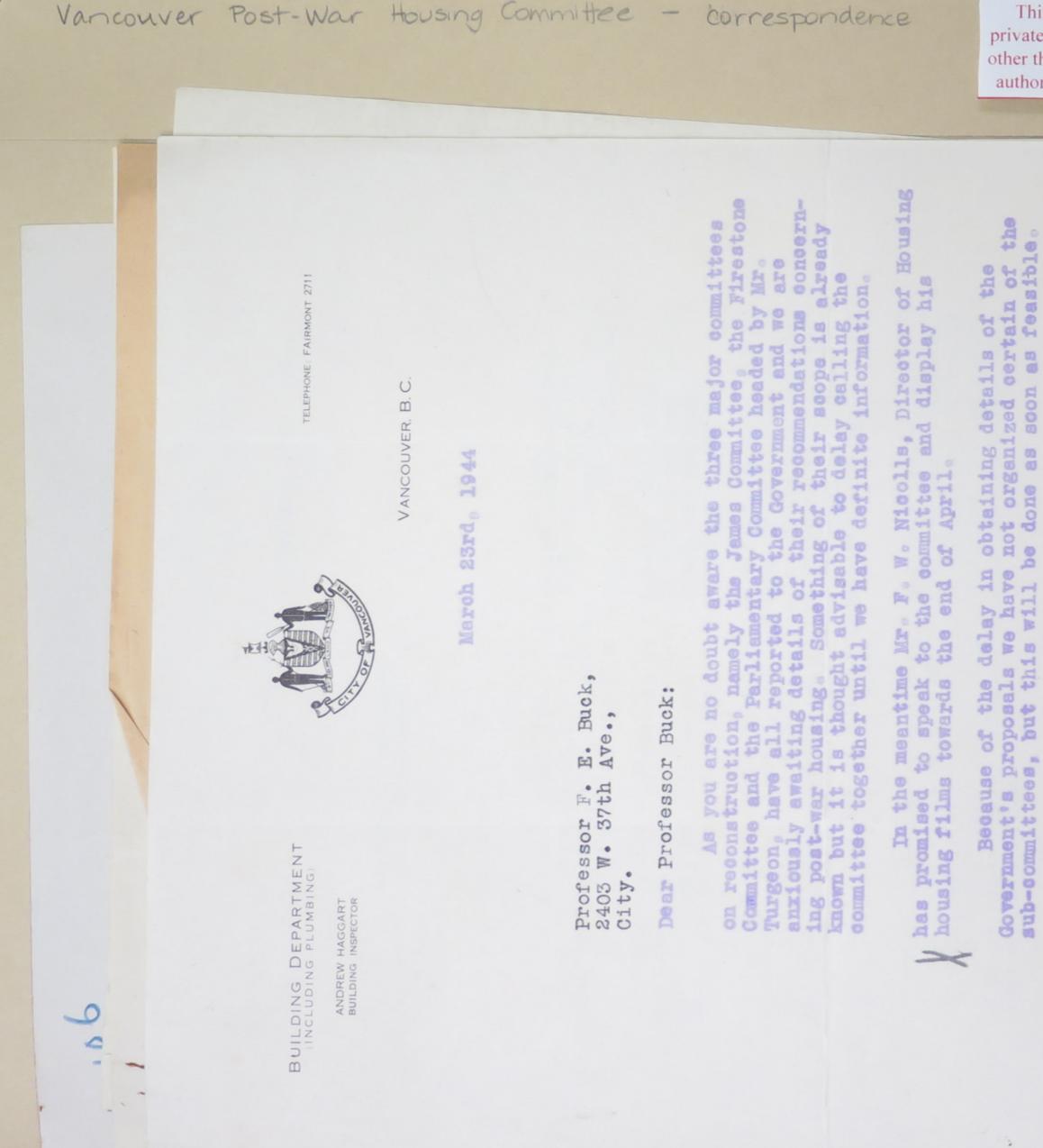
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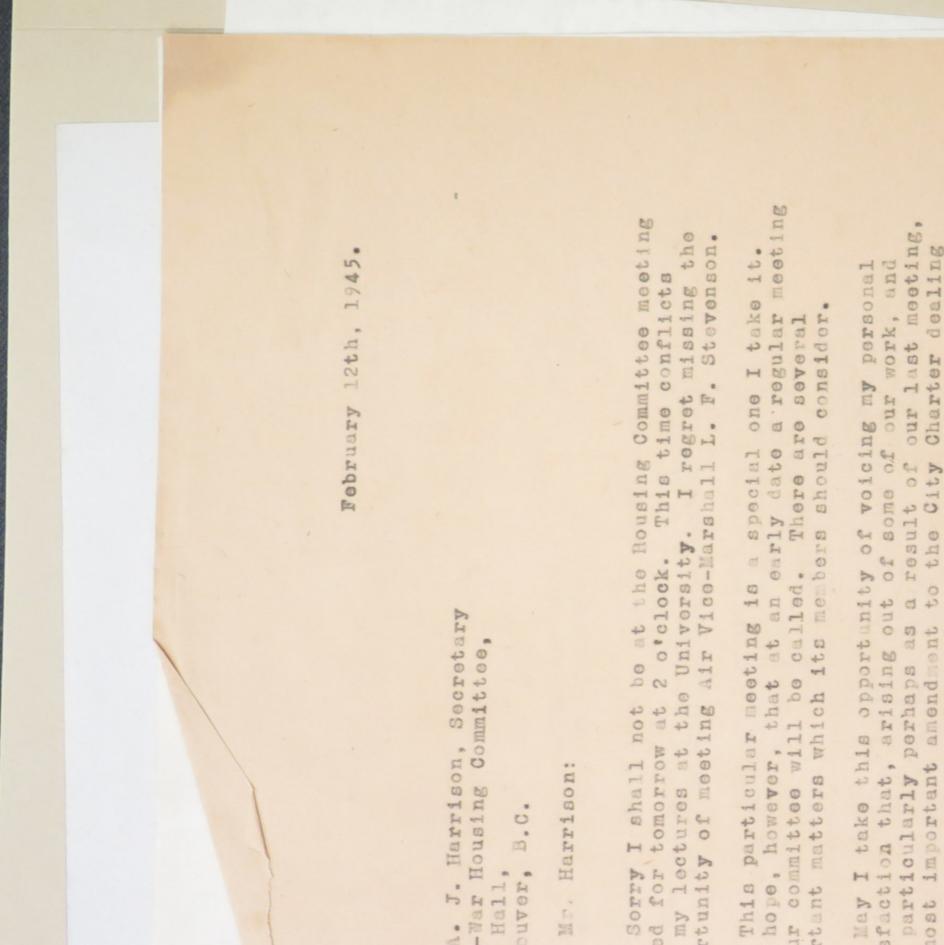
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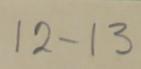
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May I take this opportunity of voicing my personal satisfaction that, arising out of some of our work, and more particularly perhaps as a result of our last meeting, the most important amendment to the City Charter dealing with the expropriatory powers of the Council has been included in the Provincial House.

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We have held a few meetings mainly for the purpose of hearing reports and the Secretary has continued to supply us with all the available information eminating from Ottawa, but beyond this we have accomplished practically nothing.

With the return of members of the armed forces to civil life certain aspects of the Post War period have in a sense moved forward into the present situation, and the problem of housing these men and their families should, in my opinion, receive our serious consideration. Although the Post War Housing Committee represents a cross section of the community it is understood a new committee has been appointed to look into this particular problem. I t seems unfortunate that an attempt should be made to deal sep-arately with any phase of the Housing problem and such action can only lead to confusion. in my the Pc of the appoir unfor action the p

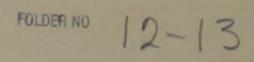
With the development of Housing schemes both in Montreal and Toronto and considering the press reports that Housing Legislation will be brought down almost immediately. I feel that we should meet as soon as possible to discuss the whole situation or disband, since to date we have served no useful puppose.

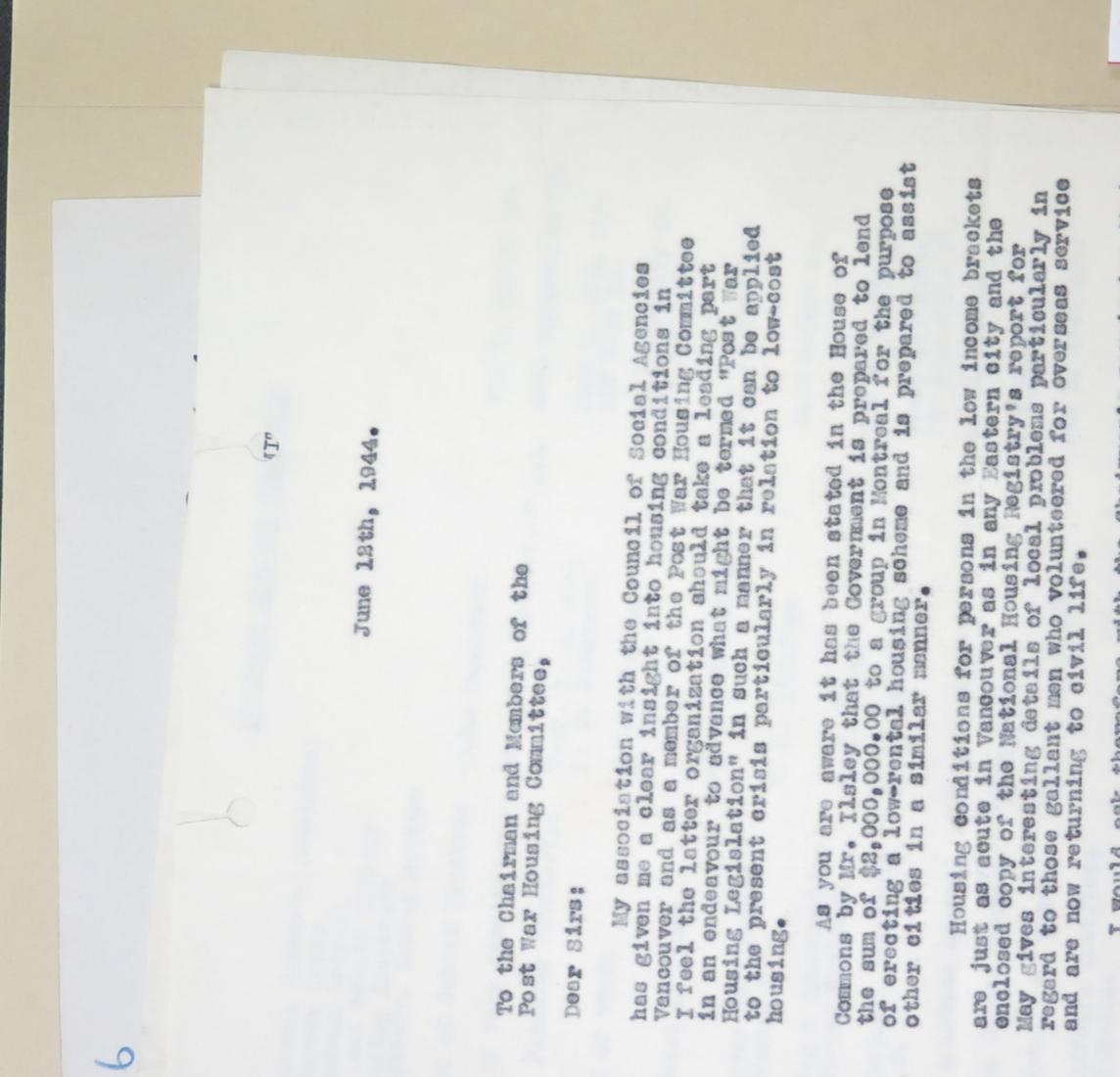
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I would ask therefore with the Chairman's permission that a meeting of the Post War Housing Committee be called for Tuesday June 27th, at 2 P. M. in order that we may discuss the question of obtaining Federal assistance at the present time along the lines already given in the Oity of Montreal. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VANCOUVER COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES ON THE POST VAR HOUSING COMMITTEE truly. VOLY NOUTS 3

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