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Sir :

May I refer to a conversation you held with the Secretary of State in Washington on April 17, 1941, during which he discussed the advantages to national defense that would ensue from being able to move goods from Detroit to Buffalo and back via motor truck in bond, as well as to subsequent conversations between Canadian and American officials in Ottawa on this general subject.

Although in your letter of August 26th you indicated the difficulties that made the Canadian Government reluctant at that time to alter its practice, the increasing volume of war supplies being turned out in the United States and the need of moving them swiftly between Detroit and Buffalo during war time has impelled the transportation authorities of my Government to hope that the Canadian Government will re-examine its position in the light of these new developments. I understand that many of the big shippers of war supplies from Detroit have expressed an interest in this accommodation and that Mr. Eastman, the Director of Transportation in the United States, has written Mr. Howe of the importance he attaches to the availability of this additional route for speedy transportation in our joint war efforts.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration,

PIERRELOTT MOFFAT