

Since then, I have received the despatches shown on the attached lists, from which you will see that there have been none from London since February, from Tokyo since July, from Paris since May, and there were none from Washington between February and September.

I am wondering whether there has not been some hitch in forwarding the duplicates. Would it not simplify matters from a departmental point of view, if they sent me copies of *all* despatches received, leaving it to me to judge which would be of interest to His Excellency? If it is not asking too much, perhaps some time you would spare me a moment to talk this over.

Yours sincerely,

A. S. REDFERN

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*Mémorandum*¹

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November 1, 1937

1. I have consulted Dr. Skelton with regard to Mr. Redfern's suggestion. He is very much opposed to furnishing copies of all despatches pursuant to Mr. Redfern's suggestion. Compliance with the suggestion would mean the employment for full time of one additional typist in the Department.

2. I entirely agree with Dr. Skelton's view. There are certain despatches coming in which could not be communicated without placing us in a somewhat embarrassing position. Further, there are other despatches dealing with departmental matters, and it would be a waste of money to have them copied and sent to Mr. Redfern.

3. I am having Keenleyside go over the back despatches with a view to filling some of Mr. Redfern's gaps, and I shall transmit any that come in pending Dr. Skelton's return, provided that they do not contain any information the communication of which might prove embarrassing.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures
au secrétaire, Gouverneur général*

*Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary to Governor General*

Ottawa, November 3, 1937

Dear Mr. Redfern,

With reference to the Prime Minister's communication to you of the 1st of November,² I have pleasure in forwarding herewith certain despatches re-

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