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Ottawa, October 30, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re Mr. J. Emile Brunet

Mr. Corbin has had word from Mr. J. O. Lapointe, of J. Brunet Limited, Montreal, who, this week, was in Quebec and saw Mr. J. Emile Brunet at Saint Sacrement Hospital.

While Mr. Brunet is considerably improved, his convalescence will be a very long one. It will be several months before he can resume work. He thoroughly appreciated the circumstances which prompted you to send the message conveyed through Mr. Lapointe, and would not wish to have the work on the monument delayed on his account. He stated definitely that it would be quite impossible for him to complete it in the desired period.

Mr. Brunet mentioned in the course of conversation that, at the time of the opening of the Canadian Pavilion, he had written the Prime Minister on the subject. Seeing that he had no reply to his letter, Mr. Brunet wonders if you received it. I have asked Mr. Handy to locate the letter in the European trip papers. (Letter attached)

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The awarding of the contract before the end of the fiscal year, is not in itself sufficient to avoid a re-vote. According to the usual practice, only services and supplies, rendered or delivered during the fiscal year, can be paid out of an appropriation for that year. Any work outstanding on the contract at March 31st, would have to be provided for in a further appropriation for the fiscal year 1938-39.

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