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The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Mr. Mackenzie King:

You may recall the interest you manifested in 1924 in the project to make the Harvard Business Library a centre of realization of the basic unity of the English-speaking race, and to assure that the British Empire might be given due representation in order to receive due appreciation.

You were good enough to cable the Rt. Hon. Ramsay Macdonald shortly before the fall of his Ministry. So far, the only results of the endeavor have been such as to remind one of the Fable of the Mountain that was in Labour,-- One concrete outcome having been the suggestion of a most courteous young gentleman attached to the British Foreign Service, that he could get us a list of books published by H. B. M. Government and their prices. As I have written in an enclosed letter to Mr. Georges Doriot, who has transmitted it to Sir William Wiseman, Bart., C.B., theoretically it would be the best thing for America if we should buy only English and European books. Your knowledge, however, of the North American temperament is such that you will appreciate that the pressure will be to devote our energies to books published on this side of the Atlantic, and I am afraid even to books published on this side of the