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I am ~~more than~~ ^{would} satisfied that the situation today and during ^{as it must be} the coming winter months is even more urgent and more desperate than ~~it~~ appeared at that time.

^{Our} The rationing ^{program} of ~~meat~~ in Canada has made it possible to ship overseas during the past two months ^{and dairy products} more meat than we ever before supplied in a similar period of time and we ~~have~~ ^{this has been} done ~~this~~ without imposing any undue or unreasonable curtailment of domestic consumption.

^{We have not yet received him or really advised of} I have not yet seen the full text of the United States announcement, ^{however} but it is my understanding that ^{the United States} they will continue, through set-aside orders, to provide meat for overseas shipment in 1946 in an amount not less than ^{that estimated for} they supplied in 1945. There are, ^{however} important distinctions between the United States position and ours. The probable United States meat exports although large, in terms of tonnage, are not likely to be more than 5% of their total available meat supplies. Our meat export program in 1945 which should, we believe, be carried forward ^{at} ^{into} ~~through the large part of~~ 1946, calls for exports of nearly 1/3 of our total meat supply and nearly half of our inspected meat supply. The United States in exporting less than 5% of its meat supplies may be able to manage its program through set-aside orders without rationing and still be able to maintain fair distribution and fair prices. We are convinced ^{however} that in Canada we could not export ^{without rationing} between 40 and 50% of our ^{federally} inspected kill and maintain orderly distribution