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Ottawa, September 4th, 1940.

Dear Madam:

Your letter requesting permission to go to the United Kingdom at the present time has been given consideration. There is a Canadian Order in Council in force since June 4th of this year which prohibits women, other than women employed in the armed forces or public service of Canada, and children under the age of twelve years, from travelling to the European war zone. While exemption from this regulation can be granted under certain exceptional circumstances, it has been found impossible to do so in your case.

The decision is based on the fact that you are a Canadian-born British subject. Your Canadian passport No. 01746 issued to you at Ottawa on July 18th, 1940, was prepared valid for travel to the United States and the British Empire in error. Your case should have been referred to me before any action was taken for the preparation of the passport. If you do not wish to have this document at the present time would you kindly inform me and I will see that you are refunded the fee of \$5.00. Should you, on the other hand, wish it in order to travel to the United States it will be sent to you immediately.

I am returning to you herewith a letter and telegram sent to you from the Auxiliary Territorial Service in London.

Yours sincerely,

Laurent Beaudry

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