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No. 166.

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to your note of June 19, replying to my note No. 158 of June 15 concerning the decision of the authorities of the United States to require passports and visas of all Canadians entering the United States. I appreciate very much your ~~comptasy~~ in replying so promptly to my note.

In your note you state that, while it will not be possible for the Government of the United States to modify the basic requirement for passports and visas, the discussion by officers of the Legation and by officers of your Department of questions which may arise will be most helpful.

The Canadian Government desires to express the hope that the Government of the United States will agree to suspend until October 1, 1940, the application to Canada of the new regulations. This will enable Canada to salvage something out of the present tourist season, and will make less grave the economic effect of the regulations upon Canada's capacity to carry on the war.

In the event that the United States is unable to accept this suggestion, the Canadian Government is considering issuing an inexpensive passport or travel document valid only for the United States and for a term of one year.

The Honourable Cordell Hull,

Secretary of State of the United States,

Washington, D.C.