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Fredericton, N.B.,
September 16th, 1940.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
320 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Re: Canadian built planes in England.

There is no official assurance beyond Ralston's statement in Montreal on Wednesday, the 4th, that the Hurricane planes built by Canada Car for the British Government under the old order were actually taken over and flown by the R.C.A.F. in England. That I think would have to be obtained from the other side, but Victor Drury, who has been writing me about the matter, assumes that the planes Ralston refers to were the Hurricanes which his Company built and sent over for the British Government. I do not know where the information could be obtained, except through Watson Sellar, the Auditor General. If you like I will approach him. I know him very well and I could do it confidentially. Otherwise I think it would have to be obtained from the British Government.

Now, the new order for 600 Hurricanes that Canada Car are to build for the British Government is on a contract negotiated with the British people, but Drury thinks that the contract will be signed through the Canadian Department of Munitions and Supplies, and no doubt the accounting between the two Governments will be made in that case. If you wish me to follow this accounting matter further I shall be glad to do so, but I have no information at the moment.

Yours very truly,

R. B. Hansen

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