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*Mémorandum*¹*Memorandum*¹

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CONSULATE OF GERMANY

It was learned this afternoon that Mr. Windels was working in his office. I called him up there to enquire whether he had received Dr. Skelton's letter of today. He said that the letter had been delivered to him. I conveyed to him our assumption that he was not touching the archives. His reply was that there was some correspondence to do with the Swiss Consul General at Montreal, with the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and his Consulates at Montreal and Winnipeg, and that his only purpose was to deal with that aspect. I also conveyed to him our assumption that after dealing with that correspondence he would not return to the office on the understanding that the archives would remain as they are for the purpose of sealing up in due course. He confirmed this understanding.

I added that while it was desired to show him every courtesy consistent with the existing circumstances and without wishing to depart in any way from the terms of Dr. Skelton's letter of today, it was desired that the work he was doing in the office until he left it should be under surveillance. He protested against this but of course accepted it.

Incidentally he complained of the severe restrictions of the police at his residence stating that a Canadian maid working in the house had not been allowed to go out to fetch food. I assured him there was no intention to create an impossible situation for him and his family under the circumstances and that we would communicate with the police on the subject.

After the above conversation, I made the following arrangements with Superintendent Bavin of the R.C.M.P.:

1. Mr. Windels would be allowed to complete his correspondence as stated above.
2. He would be escorted back in a motor car to his residence by an officer in plain clothes.
3. The Consulate General would be locked up (and the keys returned to the Consul General) after which a guard would be placed outside the premises to prevent anyone getting in until the procedure of sealing up takes place.
4. The police will arrange so that the necessary facilities are given for the delivery of food, etc.
5. Every possible courtesy consistent with the circumstances will be extended to Mr. Windels and Mr. Schafhausen at the residences.

¹ De/by L. Beaudry.