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DRAFT NOTE TO LEIGHTON McCARTHY

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Sir:

I have the honor to set forth below my understanding of the conclusions reached in conversations which have taken place from time to time during the past year between representatives of the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada with regard to post-war economic settlements.

Our two Governments are engaged in a cooperative undertaking together with every other nation or people of like mind to the end of laying the bases of a just and enduring world peace, securing order under law to themselves and all nations. They agree that post-war settlements must be such as to promote mutually advantageous economic relations between them, and the betterment of world wide economic relations.

To that end the Governments of the United States of America and of Canada are prepared to cooperate in formulating a program of agreed action, open to participation by all other countries of like mind, directed to the expansion by appropriate international and domestic measures of production, employment, and the exchange and consumption of goods, which are the material foundations of liberty and welfare of all peoples; to the elimination of all forms of discriminatory treatment in international commerce and to the reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers; and in general to the attainment of all the economic objectives set forth in the joint declaration made on August 14, 1941, by the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Our Governments will accordingly enter at an early convenient date into conversations with a view to determining in the light of governing economic conditions the best means of attaining the above stated objectives by agreed action on the part of our two Governments and other like minded governments.

If the Government of Canada concurs in the foregoing I would suggest that the present note and your reply to that effect be regarded as placing on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Sir,.....