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OTTAWA, Ontario.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Following my letter to you of the 4th instant, Miss. Patterson has just received a letter from the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and I am enclosing a copy of the letter for your information.

I never read anything so ridiculous in my life. Apparently the only objection they have to Miss. Patterson is that she had the misfortune to be born in Canada. I suppose if I wanted a passport they would say that I could not have one because I was born in Ireland. You will also notice that he says that her passport issued in error. From the time she made the application until she received the passport a month elapsed, so if they take a month to make an error I wonder what they would do if they really got down to work and did something in a day. There can be no error about it at all. Miss. Patterson never asked for a passport to the United States. She asked for a passport to England to go there to join the Womens Auxiliary Service. If there was any error it was in issuing the passport to the United States because as I say she never asked for that. When they issued the passport they had before them the letter from the Auxiliary Territorial Service, a copy of which I sent you the other day, so they had all the facts before them.

There is something very strange about this and something that I cannot understand. I am not going to have Miss. Patterson answer this letter

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