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Major-General W. Bethune Lindsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Commodore Hotel,  
New York.

Dear Bill:-

Both your letters written from  
Strathroy have come to hand.

First, regarding the letter to  
Geddes. You know I shall be only too happy to  
write this in the most cordial terms. I would  
like, though, if you would send me just what  
you would like me to say. In my letter of intro-  
duction to Geddes, I may not use the same  
terms as you use in the letter which I suggest  
you to write for me, but having your letter in  
front of me I shall miss no point. Regarding  
its being written while I am still Inspector-  
General, that point can be covered by the date  
of the letter.

I am sorry I so upset them at  
Ottawa by not returning on the 20th, but it  
was a long way to go for a meeting which might  
not have been held. It practically meant that  
I would waste a week of my vacation. I had  
see Fiset the Saturday before and was informed  
by him that there was every probability, owing  
to the absence of the Minister, that the meeting  
would not take place at all.

I was glad to read in the Ottawa  
Journal that the Department of the Interior had  
met your wishes regarding the Tar-Sand lands.  
I do most cordially hope that your expectations  
in regard to this matter are most fully realized;  
not only for the profit which would accrue to you  
if such were the case, but on account of the great  
importance of Canada being able to supply oil in  
large quantities. The matter is very vital, if  
not pressing. The situation in Europe is such  
that there might be submarine work before very