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Not used after conference with Mr. St. Laurent

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

After discussing the question with Mr. St. Laurent, I am inclined to think you should answer Mr. Irvine's question in some such words as these:

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"The matter of the espionage inquiry is now before the courts where the character and credibility of accused and witnesses will have to be passed upon. In the circumstances I do not think it advisable to make any statement which might be thought to have a bearing on the judicial disposition of these cases."

See Mr. St. Laurent's own account of the U.S.A. Secretary's visit to the Department of External Affairs and the opinion given by him to the Secretary.