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Dear Mr. Meighan,

I am rather in the thick of this business at the moment, so may not be able to reply fully to your letter till to-morrow, if then. Meanwhile, I should like to say how very much I appreciate your asking me for information, with the confidence which that request implies. I am afraid I may rather deluge you with facts (or what I believe to be such); but the matter is important enough to justify being gone into pretty thoroughly.

The whole affair, I am sure, could have been avoided if we had had a Government with either competence or character. Nobody likes being pushed around by people who are making a mess of their own job, and nobody likes being persistently lied to or deceived. That is, of course, not the whole story by any means, but it is part of it.

I only hope that King is not going to manage to extricate himself from this mess with an extra ring to his halo.

However, I shall try to get off a pretty complete memorandum to you within the next 24 hours. Miss Robinson wrote me an urgent plea to come to Toronto for the week end, which I should very much have liked to do. But it was impossible.

Yours sincerely,

Eugene Forsey

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