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this paragraph did not coincide with the information which Mr. Warren had given me. Mr. Harrington replied that, as a matter of fact, no definite decision had yet been made as to the documents which will be required from aliens who are permanent residents of the United States and who are returning from temporary absence abroad. It is possible that they will not need to secure additional papers.

(c) I asked Mr. Harrington whether Canadian commuters would require new documents, or whether their present identification cards would be sufficient. He replied that commuters would not need any new papers. However, I later discovered that on this point too no decision had actually been made, and it is still possible that new papers will be demanded of commuters. Paragraph 3 of the press release which has just been quoted above is intended to allay the suspicions of commuters, but the officials concerned were opposed to making any specific mention of commuters in the press release. It had, at one time this morning, been agreed on that a supplementary press release should be issued stating that the new regulations did not affect commuters.

(d) Officials of the Canadian Government and Canadian diplomatic officers will, before entering or reentering the United States, have to secure official passports and diplomatic visas.

(e) Canadian students who are now in the United States on student status will, before reentry to the United States, have to secure student visas.

(f) In a despatch to be forwarded to you today or tomorrow, I shall be reporting on the Smith omnibus anti-alien bill, which provides for the

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