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After some discussion it was agreed:—

(a) That it was essential for a decision to be taken during the current discussions.

(b) In order to secure such a decision the Canadian representatives should put down on paper the action which they would propose to take in Canada and which they would like to see taken in the United Kingdom and the U.S.A.

(c) The Canadian representatives would also put down what action they proposed to take in regard to the foreign diplomatic staff implicated in the affair.

2. PUBLICITY — There was some discussion about the handling of publicity, and in particular, of the question whether an official statement should be put out simultaneously with the police action or whether it would not be wiser to wait until it could be seen how much information leaked into the Press. The general conclusion was that it would be preferable to prepare a measured and careful statement dealing with the diplomatic as well as the domestic aspect of the question, which could be made, perhaps in the Canadian House of Commons, shortly after the police action had been taken.

The Canadian representatives said they would prepare the draft of such a statement.

3. There was some discussion as to whether it would be advisable to fix a date on which it was desired that action should be taken. It was agreed that the main purpose of doing this would be to ensure that a decision was taken during the current discussions.

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SECRET

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I am busy getting ready to leave for London this week and consequently have no time to prepare despatches, but there is one subject on which I feel I must give you my comments. That subject is the

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