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Ottawa, October 13th, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re: Mr. J. Emile Brunet

I asked Mr. Corbin if he knew of any way in which he could very discreetly, without divulging on whose behalf he was enquiring, ascertain what Mr. Brunet's condition is. Mr. Corbin knows, quite well, the firm of J. Brunet Limited, Monument Sculptors, in Montreal, and while in the City over the weekend, he spoke to Mr. Lapointe, the Accountant of the Company. Mr. J. E. Brunet is a nephew of the owner of the firm, and Mr. Lapointe had, only a few days ago, received a letter from him, addressed from the Saint Sacrament Hospital, Quebec, in which he stated that he expects to return to Cote des Neiges some time in November, but does not think he will be able to resume work until next spring. Mr. Brunet, in the letter, was apparently none too confident that, even then, he would be well enough to resume work very actively.

As I had told Mr. Corbin to do nothing beyond making discreet enquiry about Mr. Brunet's condition, this is as far as his conversation with Mr. Lapointe went. In the ordinary course of events, Mr. Lapointe expects to go to Quebec this weekend. Mr. Corbin says that Mr. Lapointe is a man of mature judgement and one who could be completely relied upon, if there was anything further which you wish done. I ascertained from Mr. Corbin that Mr. Brunet's mother was in Quebec, but she, herself, is not in good health and I rather gathered that she would not be a particularly happy person through whom to convey a message to Mr. Brunet.

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