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Ottawa, October 22, 1940.

1. Your telegram No. 1678 October 7, 1940, concerning offer of Firemen. The discussions referred to should furnish helpful information and your report will be useful in determining what policy should be adopted here.

2. It is hoped that United Kingdom Government will not be under misapprehension as to position. The cable of September 30, No. 1527 was not an offer by the Canadian Government, but simply an inquiry for information to be furnished to different agencies interested in helping to cope with the present difficulties.

3. Meanwhile, you might inform Mr. Gardner that suggestions in your telegram No. 1685 October 9 were conveyed to Prime Minister and the matter was considered by Council. The matter is being brought to the attention of Mr. Davis and report by Mr. Waterous will be most helpful in formulation of policy by Government after Mr. Gardner's return.

Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.