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My dear Arthur:

As soon as I returned home from my trip to Brantford I tuned in the record you were good enough to have sent to me, being the address you made in May 1941. You are fortunate in having recovered the original recording and this came out as clear as though you were speaking in the Senate. The party that introduced you said it was an extemporaneous speech made without any notes or even without preparation but of course with you that was almost an every day matter.

I was particularly struck with the way you dealt with the U.S.A. because they were not in the war at that time but were giving help without which, as you said, the allies could not have won the war. In the hearts of most of us I know we felt the U.S.A. should have gone in at least a year before they did under the compulsion of Pearl Harbour - and only then. It was a great speech.

I recall a short speech you made on pelagic sealing. The sponsor - I forget who it was - had made a long speech some days before, rather a boring one at that, and I have forgotten both the speaker and his material but when it came up again the Member who was to speak was not present so you said that knowing he would not be there you took the opportunity of spending a few minutes looking over the question of pelagic sealing and in twenty minutes you gave one of the most enlightening speeches I have ever heard and I really felt I knew something about pelagic sealing. You didn't even have a note to carry it through and everything was so clear that I think it finished the debate at once. It is a queer thing how sometimes a very old person can remember such incidents.

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