

randum, namely those in which a suspicion may be entertained that, despite every effort that has been made, there remains a possibility that the *bona fides* of those in control of specific corporations may not be beyond question. You have stated that, in such instances, the Netherlands authorities will be glad to do all that is in their power to help dispel or confirm such doubts and to take whatever action may be called for by the result of their investigations. I can assure you that the Canadian Government, for its part, will endeavour to do everything possible to expedite by its own efforts the achievement of a final conclusion as to the existence or absence of any suspected enemy interest. I am given to understand by the Custodian that instances of difficulty which have arisen in the past in such matters have now been almost entirely disposed of. As you indicate, the problem is entirely one of cooperation in a satisfactory investigation of doubtful interests in specific cases, and I can assure you that any cases outstanding or which may arise in the future will be given thorough and expeditious treatment. Every effort will be made to eliminate such irksome delays as may have arisen on occasion in the past.

I hope that this statement may serve to reassure you and the Netherlands authorities with respect to the points you have raised. If correspondence in the past has been read to the effect that the validity of the measures legally enacted by the Netherlands Government is in doubt, I very much regret the misunderstanding that has resulted, and I can only hope that none will exist in future. The Canadian Government fully appreciates the difficulties with which the Netherlands authorities, nationals, and commercial interests are faced, and it is sincerely hoped that active cooperation with the Netherlands authorities may serve to reduce those difficulties as much as possible.

Accept etc.

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*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Legal Adviser*

SECRET AND PERSONAL

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The Governor General spoke to the Prime Minister the other day about the arrangements that might be made for the birth of Princess Juliana's child, which is expected some time in January. The family and the Netherlands Government would like to have the child (which may be the heir to the Throne) born on Dutch soil, and with this in mind, consideration has been given to having the lying-in take place at the Netherlands Legation. However, all the medical advice is against this course, and for her going to the Ottawa Civic