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374 Piccadilly Avenue,
Ottawa, December 18, 1942.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Thank you very much for your letter. There are many things I should like to say, but as I am trying to use every spare moment for proof-reading, I shall defer most of what I should otherwise say. Your final retirement is, to me, very depressing and discouraging, especially so as I resent very bitterly the meanness, vindictiveness and mendacity with which you have been pursued. Only yesterday, Stitt, of the Civil Service Commission, was telling me that a member of the Press Gallery had told him flatly ~~not only~~ that you had been given \$175,000 for resigning from the Senate, ~~but that you had been paid in certain designated stocks~~. You may imagine my comments. Really, after the way you have been treated, I have no heart for public life, and am quite content to confine my efforts to some other sphere of usefulness.

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journalist
named!*

Thank you very much for the clipping, which I return herewith. It was particularly good of you to send it to me when you wanted to send it on to Ted.

Clarke now speaks of late January as publication date for the book, which is better than I expected.

Are you still considering publishing a collection of your speeches? If so, I should be glad to give any help I can, though I fear it would be very meagre for some time to come. My work here is pretty exacting; and any time I can spare for some months to come should really go on that book on the Cabinet system which I was working on at Harvard. However, I gathered that you thought I might help in some way; and few things would give me greater pleasure.

Please excuse this very hasty and inadequate note. I should, in any case, find it very hard to stave down my feelings about your retirement; and I think you can surmise them. Incidentally, I am afraid I have left you to surmise my appreciation of many of your kindnesses to me, when I should have thanked you explicitly. But I know your unfailing generosity in such matters.

Yours sincerely,

Eugene Forsey

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