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London, April 14, 1908.

Dear Mr. Reid:

It is indeed kind of you to extend so gracious an invitation as that which your note, just received, conveys. My departure is a little earlier than I had expected it might be when we met. The consideration of the Ministers and courtesy of the officials has made this possible, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier's wish that I should settle the Chinese claims at an early date has made it desirable.

I am sorry that I have arranged to leave for Scotland tonight for a day in Edinburgh before sailing on Friday. Were it possible for me to omit this journey I would gladly cancel the engagement I have made with friends there. Circumstances are such unfortunately, that I am not quite at liberty to do this. I fear I must forego the pleasure of the luncheon you so kindly propose.

I hope you had a pleasant sojourn on the continent. My stay in London has been wholly delightful, and has I believe justified its purpose.

With kind regards, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

W. L. Mackenzie King.

His Excellency the Honourable Whitelaw Reid.

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