

of the Soviet Union. I recollected that you once told me that your grandfather suffered for the sake of the poor people. I wish his spirit would advise you not to commit an injustice at the present tragic time and to do your utmost not to break the relations between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the two countries that have so many interests in common.

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L'agent officiel de l'Union soviétique au Premier ministre
Official Agent of the Soviet Union to Prime Minister

Montreal, May 28, 1927

Sir,

It was a desire to save the Trade Agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that prompted me to address a telegram to you under date of May 26th, requesting you to postpone the decision to abrogate it, until I would be in a position to present you with an explanation of the charges made by the British Government against that of the Soviet Union. It was sent to you as a personal communication and without consulting my Government.

Since then, I sent a copy of the telegram to Moscow, requesting advice as to the proper mode of action under the present circumstances. My Government did not approve of my communication to you and requested me to leave Canada as soon as possible.

In view of the above, I would greatly appreciate your ignoring the contents of my telegram.

It is with profound regret that I must notify you of my intention to close the offices of our Official Agency and Trade Delegation within two weeks.

Thanking you very much for the courtesy and assistance your Government extended to me during the existence of the Official Agency and Trade Delegation in Canada, I am,

Your obedient servant,

L. GERUS

966.

Le Premier ministre à l'agent officiel de l'Union soviétique
Prime Minister to Official Agent of the Soviet Union

Ottawa, May 30, 1927

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of May 28th, stating that your Government has not approved of the telegram which you addressed to me on May 26th and asking me to ignore its contents.