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187 Fourth Avenue,  
Ottawa, November 26, 1942.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

I presume you have seen Little's reply to Mitchell. I hope you will not think it just impudence if I urge you, as strongly as I can, to make at once such a public statement on the matter as you alone can make. It seems to me a golden opportunity to deal the Government a body blow. Little's reply to Mitchell places the responsibility for this whole business just where it belongs: on the Prime Minister. Mitchell is just a Labour office-boy for King. Both Labour Congresses have now utterly repudiated Mitchell, and there is a strong likelihood that King will drop him overboard, hoping to allay the storm; and then, of course, he will go on with the same old policy of drift and muddle. I know of no one who can tear the Government to pieces on this as you can; and I think you should not lose a moment in doing it. Of course, as you said of Little's letter of resignation, the documents speak for themselves. But people need to have these things pointed out to them and rubbed in; and you can do it. I really think a statement from you on this, now, might mean an immense speeding up of the whole war effort. That conviction is what prompts me to put my ear in in a fashion that no other public man but you would tolerate from so insignificant a person as me. But I know from long experience your great generosity, and your complete lack of interest in the status of the person who makes a suggestion. So I know you will treat this suggestion on its merits: use it, or put it in the waste-basket, as seems to you best. And I feel sure you will not take it amiss that I have written.

As I am not sure whether you are in Toronto or Winnipeg, I am sending this to both places.

Yours sincerely,

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