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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, October 16, 1919

Mr. Lyon Cohen,
25 Rosemount Avenue,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

When I received the very kind telegram of congratulations which you sent me from Old Orchard Beach, at the time of the National Liberal Convention, I placed it with a number of other communications which came to me from the United States, to be acknowledged just as soon as I could find time for personal correspondence. The volume of letters and telegrams received about that time was so great that, up to the present moment, while I have been able to answer many letters from friends in Canada, I have not yet been able to send a single acknowledgment to the communications which have come from England and the United States.

Through mention of your name by my friend Jacobs, I have recalled the circumstance that your telegram was still among the unanswered communications which came from the United States, and I write immediately to say how deeply I regret that an earlier acknowledgment has not been sent you. I have just been re-reading the telegram, having taken it from the file in which it had been temporarily placed, and confess it embarrasses me not a little to realize that such generous words from so good a friend should have remained unacknowledged for so long a time. I am sure you will appreciate the circumstances which account for the delay, and will be the first to make allowance for this unfortunate delay.

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