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October 27th, 1939.

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, Ottawa, Ontario.

lunes (\* Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

> I received a visit the other day from a young man by the name of Edward A. Pickering, who I understand was your Private Secretary for a number of years. He came to see me in connection with his desire to find a position in private industry, and if possible, with our Company.

I told him I did not believe that his best interests would be served by joining a company such as ours at the present time unless he were willing to go through a period of apprenticeship similar to that undertaken by your nephew, John Lay. I understand, however, that he feels his obligations would not permit him to accept a position with our Company on this basis.

It is just possible, of course, that in view of our probable increased activities in connection with war supplies, positions may be open which do not require the same experience in our business as those available at the present time. Therefore, I have taken note of Mr. Pickering's application for future reference.

Meanwhile, I should appreciate it very much if you could have one of your secretaries write me in connection with Mr. Pickering's services in your