

(Private & Confidential)

Ottawa, September 5, 1908.

Dear Dr. Hensberger:

Your very kind letter of the 2nd inst. is, I assure you, deeply appreciated. It is more than generous of my friends in Berlin and the Liberal Executive in particular to think of renewing their generous offer, and it is certainly not a little chivalrous of Charlie Kranz's part to not only stand to stand aside, but to fall into the ranks as a fighter as well.

To be quite frank with you, I am at the moment more or less in the hands of the party leaders, who, as you know, have plans which involve very many considerations. When I wrote Harvey Sims I hardly contemplated that he would do other than let me know whether or not the press rumour was correct as to Mr. Seagram dropping out and Simon Bricker or Richard Reid being given the Conservative nomination. I hope, should it prove impossible for me to accept the nomination for North Waterloo that the extra trouble to which the executive have gone on account of my note will not cause you embarrassment. I am giving the matter the most careful consideration. My heart inclines me most strongly to North Waterloo, but in political matters the head must be the determining factor, and in this instance my own wish is in part

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