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Ottawa, July 11, 1940.

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Miss Esther Mackie, The Rothsay, 1036 Dorchester Ave., Montreal, Que,

Dear Miss Mackie:

I am just in receipt of your letter

of 6th.

I am entirely in agreement with you that Canada has not taken a part in this war, up to the present, at all commensurate with its capacity and does not seem to have been animated by the same spirit at all as prevailed in the last war.

In justice to the Prime Kinister, however, I think I should say that he has not promised Ukranians consideration of a separate state.

The trouble is that doctrines and attitudes toward Britain were taught incessantly for years before the war, and this teaching benumbed the Canadian people, sterilized their interest and made them unconscious of the vital necessity of unity of defence and co-operation with Britain in defence and of their dependence upon Britain's strength.

We have had a Senate Committee working out a plan of speech-making and radio work (as well as press propaganda) to try and change things in this country. I am giving your name to the Quebec and Ontario members of this Committee and you may be asked to do some speaking. There will be a great many others engaged in the work as well.

Yours very truly.

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