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The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways 8. have raised questions about the entry of their train crews to the United States. Mr. Harrington has given me his personal opinion that paragraph 2 of Department of State press release No. 294 of June 13 applies not only to passengers who are passing in direct transit through the United States, but also to train crews on the transportation lines in question. Thus, the train crews on the Canadian Pacific Railway line, for example, through the State of Maine would not need immigration visas and border identification cards. Train crews, however, on lines which enter the United States but do not pass in direct transit through the United States will have to obtain immigration visas and border identification cards. For your convenience, I enclose a copy of a publica-9. tion of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States entitled "General Information Concerning United States Immigration Laws". This gives on pages 11 and 12 information about reentry permits, immigrant identi-

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fication cards, border crossing cards, and certificates of registry.

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