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Hon. R. B. Hanson, Esq., K.C. M.P.
Leader of the Opposition,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Attention Mr. R. A. Bell:

Dear Mr. Bell:

I am greatly obliged to you for your letter of the 6th instant written in the absence of Mr. Hanson, and I am greatly pleased that you are so promptly communicating with Dr. Skelton. Really I cannot for the life of me see why a permit should be refused in this case under the circumstances and I am glad to note that you agree with me.

On the 7th instant I sent Mr. Hanson a letter enclosing a copy of one Miss. Patterson had just then received from the Assistant Under-Secretary of State. I thought that Mr. Hanson should have that letter in order that all the facts might be before him. I feel satisfied now that the permit will be issued through your good offices.

I am writing now to ask you if you would be good enough to wire me immediately you get a definite decision. That will give Miss. Patterson a little more time to make her final preparations for her departure. You will please send the wire so that the charges for it will be paid by me at this end. In view of the delays that already have occurred it would be much appreciated if the permit could be obtained promptly for after all the Director of the Auxiliary Territorial Service may come to the conclusion that Miss. Patterson had decided not to go and that indeed is far from the case.

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