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Leader of the Opposition,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

PERSONAL.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

I would hesitate to trouble you about the subject on which I am writing you were it not for the fact that I am firmly convinced from your public utterances that you are satisfied that the proper place to defend Canada is in Britain. I was greatly impressed with your speech at Toronto and I have read the report of it in the press, not once, but several times, and the more often I read it the more impressed I am with it. I agree with you entirely and it is a pity there are not more public men like you who have the courage to say what should be said. I sometimes think that the Conservative Party should take its courage in its hands and, even at the expense of being called disloyal, should be more outspoken and more critical of the Government. It is very evident that MacKenzie King's sentiments lie more with United States than with Britain and I am continually making that assertion both publicly and privately. He would not allow Britain to establish training centres in Canada for the air force and I don't suppose he even stepped out of his office to bring about an agreement with Britain but when the President of the United States wants something he rushes to him and gives him what he wants and says nothing about retaining control in Canada.

I am now coming to the subject on which I am writing you.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter I have written to the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa.

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