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My dear Sandy:-

I have given considerable thought to your letter of the 3rd of December and have come to the conclusion that you ought to accept the position urged upon you by Bill Herridge.

In the first place, I can well appreciate your desire to give up the work in the Prime Minister's Office. It was an association in which I knew from the beginning you would not be happy. You could have been of very great value to him, but his is a mind far more swayed by practical political conditions than some who consider him an idealist are willing to believe. For that reason my appreciation of the Prime differs altogether from that of His Excellency, the Governor General. Constitutionally King may be right in the course he has pursued since the election, but morally he is wrong, and I cannot forgive that kind of a wrong and I know you cannot, and therefore I think a dissolution of your partnership with him is a wise thing to bring about.

Now, as to this movement of Herridge's, I believe it has a future - a future which I hope will disclose that this organization will become not only a very useful but a very influential one. I think they must be reaching that stage when a Secretary is necessary. In my opinion you will make an excellent