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Personal.

Ottawa, August 5, 1944.

My dear Mr. Gagnon:

I am taking the liberty of writing you to make of you <sup>a</sup> special and earnest request in the interests of the Conservative Party and of the Dominion of Canada. I hope this time you will forgive me if I pen the letter in English. It is necessary that it leave by the first mail and I could not as effectively express myself in French.

I desire to request that you permit your name to be submitted to the Conservative convention for Rimouski, County to be held on Thursday next, as candidate in the ensuing bye-election. It is, of course, not for me to designate the free choice of the Conservative Electors of Rimouski. That is their function; it is not mine, therefore, all I am justified in doing is to press upon you the call of the entire Conservative Party that you place yourself at its disposal in this very important election.

May I put very briefly my reasons:

1. Rimouski County is a distinctly <sup>mostly</sup> Quebec rural riding. The great issue which looms before the people of Canada is as to whether we are to return to a stable fiscal protective policy or whether we are to drift, as we are doing today. This

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