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*The United States Minister to Canada
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada*

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Sir,

I have the honor to refer to your note No. 113 of July 21, 1942, regarding the extension of the free importation privilege to American consuls and vice consuls of career on a basis of reciprocity, which would include on the part of Canadians in the United States, trade commissioners and assistant trade commissioners, since the Canadian Government does not now have consuls or vice consuls in the United States.

It has been noted that the Canadian Government is also willing, on a basis of reciprocity, to affirm its previous practice of granting free entry on first arrival to United States Government employees, other than diplomatic and consular officers, which would include clerks of the United States Legation and Consulates and officers and employees of the United States Customs offices. It has also been noted that the Canadian Government is unwilling to have free entry on first arrival for these employees include spirituous liquors.

I have now been instructed to inform you that my Government is prepared to accord, reciprocally, to Canadian consuls and vice consuls, should such officers be assigned to the United States, and to Canadian trade commissioners and assistant trade commissioners who are Canadian nationals and not engaged in any private occupation for gain, the privilege of importing articles, the importation of which is not prohibited, for their personal use free of duty upon their first arrival, upon their return from leave of absence spent abroad and during the time they are stationed in the United States. Furthermore, my Government is prepared to admit free of duty, on a reciprocal basis, all articles, except spirituous liquors and articles the importation of which is prohibited, imported on first arrival for their personal use by Government employees of Canada other than diplomatic and consular officers, trade commissioners and assistant trade commissioners who are Canadian nationals and not engaged in any private occupation for gain.

I shall appreciate receiving confirmation that the Canadian Government is prepared, reciprocally, to grant the same privileges to like American officers and employees, and, if this be the case, I suggest that this note and your reply thereto be considered as concluding the agreement on this subject between our two Governments, which shall remain in effect until terminated by either Government.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

PIERREPONT MOFFAT.