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Hon. William Lyon MacKenzie King,
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My dear Mr. King:-

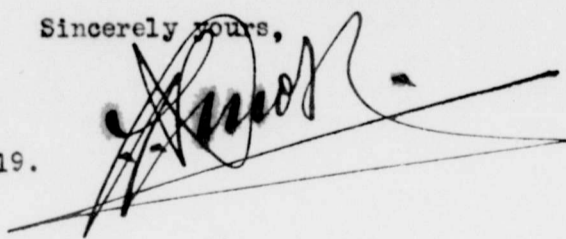
One of the great events of the year in the activities of the Union League Club of Chicago is the celebration of Washington's birthday. In the past such men as Grant, Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt, Hoar and Lodge have been the guests of honor and the speakers of the occasion. We realize that this year the element of international fraternalism should be introduced. On this account a committee will come to New York to invite you to be our guest of honor and the speaker this year.

I am writing to ask for an appointment for Thursday or Friday next. I should thank you to wire me upon receipt of this letter and if you care to do so you may use the private wire of this bank with Messrs. Potter, Choate & Prentice of your city, stating time when the committee may see you.

You will pardon me for an additional personal word. I, too, am a Canadian by birth and am a member of the Canadian Club, as well as of the British Empire Association here. Mr. W. K. Pattison, whom I think you know, is the President of the latter, and joins me in urging your acceptance of this invitation. While I have not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, I have been interested in your activities in public life and have had an opportunity of a somewhat more intimate knowledge through our mutual friend, Mr. Albert Breithaupt of Kitchener, Ontario. We Canadians here believe this is an unusually important opportunity for the cementing of the splendid relations which now exist between our adopted country and the land of our nativity. In our judgment you are the man for the occasion.

With best wishes and kindest regards,
I am,

Sincerely yours,



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