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I should be glad to learn if you agree with this view. If so, we might inform the Department of National Revenue (Customs) to that effect.¹ Perhaps an arrangement might also be made whereby your Department could inform the Department of National Revenue and this Department should any change arise with respect to the treatment of Canadians or of Canadian goods by Syria and the Lebanon which might involve a reconsideration of our present position.

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au sous-ministre du Commerce*

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce*

Ottawa, July 17, 1946

I have your letter of June 15th, † your file 29307-A, in which you concur in the view of this Department that it would be appropriate for Canada to continue to grant Syria and Lebanon the privileges of the Intermediate Tariff as a reciprocal courtesy pending world trade talks when a tariff agreement between our countries may be formalized.

I enclose copy of a letter of June 21st from the Deputy Minister of National Revenue (Customs and Excise) stating that since the provisions of the Canada-France Trade Agreement and Protocols thereto no longer apply to Syria and Lebanon, products of those countries immediately revert to the general tariff status unless provision is made by the Governor General in Council.

I have accordingly prepared the attached draft submission to Council² recommending that the tariff benefits accorded to Syria and Lebanon under Article XIV of the Canada-France Trade Agreement of May 12th, 1933, as amended by Article IV of the Additional Protocol of February 26th, 1935, continue to be extended to these countries. The recommendation is based on the understanding that Syria and Lebanon are continuing to accord us most-favoured-nation treatment in tariff matters and have made no change in the other rights guaranteed to Canadians under Regulations 10 and 11 of the man-

¹ Le ministère du Commerce a accepté cette proposition le 15 juin.

² Voir le document suivant.

¹ The Department of Trade and Commerce agreed to this proposal on June 15.

² See following document.