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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I would like to give my very hearty support to the request of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene, that they be given a federal grant of \$10,000.

This Committee, as you know, has been formed to combat insanity and feeble-mindedness in every way possible. It numbers among its officers and committees men whose interest in the public good has led them to lend their great abilities to the cause, and it has as an Executive, four medical men who are thoroughly competent to handle its work. If indeed other proof of their enthusiasm were wanting, it is enough to say that the greater part of the annual budget, about \$50,000, is paid by the members of the Committee from their own pockets.

The work which is being done is one which, I think, can justifiably be considered as of national importance - a work indeed which might very well be considered as one of the primary duties of the nation. Yet we recognize that at the moment, private effort is probably the only way in which it can be carried out.