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"Deputy Minister being away and the acting Minister, wanted an investigation made, first into the work of those men for the department. I wrote him a full report -- I think you will find that on file.

Q. Yes, I find a letter 24th July? A. Yes, I wrote him a full report.

Q. That would be this letter 24th July?

A. Yes.

Q. Showing the work those men were doing?

A. Showing the work those men were doing, and I thought that that report would settle the situation. I was determined that anything that I could do to prevent their being fired, would be done. Notwithstanding that report, there were evidently further communications, of which I had no knowledge between Dr. Morand, and the Conservative Headquarters in Halifax. This culminated in a letter, copy of which I placed on file because I thought it should be on record -- a letter from Mr. Black of Halifax definitely instructing that those men be fired. Well, I saw the situation and I said to myself -- Well, if I can hold them there, until after the election, the probability is they will not be fired; and I had to consider what was the best way to do it. I found that I had failed in making the statement as to their work and so I made an appeal