

2. I have taken the matter up quite informally with Colonel Marvin McIntyre who at present is acting as the principal Private Secretary of the President of the United States. Colonel McIntyre on consultation with the President suggests that a suitable time for His Excellency's visit would be immediately after Easter Day Sunday the 28th March. That is to say the week commencing Monday the 29th March.

3. Colonel McIntyre was rather undecided as to whether His Excellency would prefer to write the President direct or through this Legion accepting the invitation which the President gave him some time ago to visit the White House—or whether Lord Tweedsmuir would prefer the President to write him reminding His Excellency of that invitation and suggesting the week of the 29th March as being suitable. I said I would ascertain your views on this subject.

4. No doubt what you desire to first have determined is the approximate date of the visit and if you would be so very kind as to ascertain His Excellency's views in that regard having in mind the date above mentioned and inform me accordingly I would be very greatly obliged.

I have etc.

HERBERT M. MARLER

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*Le secrétaire, Gouverneur général au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Secretary to Governor General, to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

Ottawa, January 13, 1937

Dear Doctor Skelton,

With reference to Sir Herbert Marler's despatch No. 13 of January 6th, of which you sent me a copy, the Governor-General has to-day written privately to the President of the United States of America saying that he was anxious to accept the President's kind invitation to pay a short return visit to Washington, and asking, firstly, whether a visit this spring would be acceptable to him, and, secondly, if a visit during the week beginning March 29th would suit the President's engagements.

As soon as a reply has been received, I shall let you know, and perhaps you would then be good enough to request Sir Herbert Marler to get in touch with the authorities concerned as regards specific arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

A. S. REDFERN