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Dear Mr. Givens:

I have yours of 15th. Have read the article which you contributed to The Globe and Mail, with very great interest and pleasure.

I think Canadians generally have been most considerate and careful in all references to the United States since and before this conflict began. I have indeed seen no outstanding violation of the United States' warning against propaganda--though I cannot see very much rhyme or reason in the warning. No great nation should be afraid of a presentation of facts or argument from any side.

I have been an admirer of the course President Roosevelt has taken up to now. I fear, though, his efforts to bring his country to a realization of the truth have not succeeded fast enough. The United States now faces an appalling prospect. Had it risen to an understanding of what this war meant at the beginning, it could have taken a course infinitely more in its own interest than the course it has taken.

We may in a short time be in exactly the same boat as the United States. In fact, in relation to all the big realities, we are in the same boat now. No intelligent man on this Continent can face the future without the gravest concern.

Very sincerely yours,

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