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TELEGRAM

From THE CANADIAN MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA.

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No. 260. Confidential. Under-Secretary of State, whom I saw at noon at his request, after referring to our conversations of September 27th of which you are aware, and in view of your acceptance in principle, which I was then enabled to intimate, showed me a letter from the Attorney General, who would himself propose to visit Ottawa on November 11th and November 12th for discussions upon "the problem of simplifying our border-crossing procedures". Mr. Jackson would be accompanied by Mr. Hoover, Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Mr. Hart of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

2. It is proposed that the conference be informal and non-committal for the present. In the circumstances, neither Mr. Jackson nor Mr. Welles consider it necessary to suggest an Agenda (other than what is involved in above quotation), but would be prepared to submit one if considered advisable.

3. It is especially desired here that no announcement be made until immediately before the conference. Recognizing that such a visit could not take place without public comment, it is suggested that when the time comes a frank statement be released by the Canadian authorities, and that an agreed statement be published at the conclusion of discussions.