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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen
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Dear Arthur:

I am sending you under separate cover one of the most worthwhile books I have read in recent years - PROPHEETS AND PEOPLES, by Hans Kohn. The chapter on John Stuart Mill explains superbly well the historical reason why Britain occupies the central position in our western civilization. The chapter on Dostoevsky gives the historical answer to the question, "What is Russia up to?".

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