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Ottawa, February 19,1945.

Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister Of Canada,
East Block,
Ottawa.

My Dear Prime Minister:-

The Canadian Press, as Canada's national news agency, is quite concerned about the ramifications engendered by the announcement last Friday there have been disclosures of secret and confidential information to unauthorized persons, including some members of the staff of a foreign mission.

There has been no official statement since and rumors, reports and other unconfirmable information has sky-rocketed the case beyond perspective.

Would it be possible for you to answer the following questions, either for direct quotation, or on a learned or authoritative basis:-

1. When might a statement be issued to clear the dearth of rumors and bring the investigation back into its proper light.

2. Exactly what was the type of secret and confidential information. Will the foreign mission be identified.

3. Will any persons be charged. If so , on what grounds? If not, then to what purpose is the investigation directed.

4. Are persons being detained nations of a foreign country, or are they all Canadians. Could those being detained be grouped by suspects, witness or other category. How many to date in each group?

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

R. K. Carnegie

Ottawa Superintendent,

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