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Your Excellency,
Your Royal Highness,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is an unusual occasion and one, I need not say, which evokes many memories. My colleagues in the Government of Canada and I had wished to have the honour of entertaining The Governor General and the Princess Alice to dinner before their departure from Canada, and to have an opportunity, in company with members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the political and civic life of the national capital, to say "au revoir" to two very devoted and charming friends of Canada.

I am delighted that so many have been able to accept our invitation. I am reminded that when His Excellency was sworn into office on June 21, 1940, the circle of our official representation from other nations extended to five Ministers plenipotentiary, and four High Commissioners from nations of the British Commonwealth. Today, the circle has been broadened until it numbers, as heads of missions, eleven Ambassadors, eight Ministers, and five High Commissioners. His Excellency will, I hope, always regard it as a matter of satisfaction that he personally received at Government House

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