

2. DEVELOP SECONDARY ARGUMENT.

You will agree, I am confident, that this (sorry
(wretched
(pitiful

state cannot be conducive to the (sturdy resolution
(calm repose so
(complacent torpidity

essential for the ambitious and promising young officer who is

only too anxious to (strain every nerve and sinew
(leave no stone unturned in his
(keep his ear to the ground and
(his shoulder to the wheel

constant and unremitting efforts to (broaden
(deepen his percipient
(widen
(thicken

comprehension of the trends underlying the significant political events of

(NOTE: This should not be unduly prolonged. Enough is plenty.)

3. STRIKE THE IRON WHILE IT IS HOT (YOU HOPE).

Knowing full well as I do that you and your distinguished

colleagues are always (eager (aid
(determined to (support the efforts
(resolved (encourage

of the aforesaid (ambitious
(promising young Canadian to climb yet one
(brash

more step upward - Excelsior! - on the long road that will one day lead to an Ambassadorship and a Basic Aggregate, I close

(sincere
this brief but (impassioned plea in the sublime assurance
(bitter

that you will at once issue the necessary instructions to

(post me to the new Consulate at Miami Beach
(raise the index of this benighted post by 40 points
(promote me from X to X-squared
(re-assign me to Public Works.

4. SAY THANK YOU.

Permit me, Sir, to assure you in anticipation of my

(undying (noble
(heartfelt gratitude for your (sterling response. May I
(infinite (generous

say also, in closing, that classified correspondence takes several weeks to arrive here. If you will deign to reply by emergency telegram I shall be happy to have the steno (3) and the steno (2b) called out of bed to decypher it immediately on arrival.

NOTE: If this doesn't work better give up. You've had it, chum!

A PINK SLIP!

A new DCO named Miss Flip
Was asked if she had a pink slip
The young man who did ask
Was brought firmly to task
And for weeks he displayed a fat lip