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NOTICE

TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE RACIAL ORIGIN

Having reference to the Protected Area of British Columbia as described in an Extra of the Canada Gazette, No. 174 dated Ottawa, Monday, February 2, 1942:-

1. EVERY PERSON OF THE JAPANESE RACE, WHILE WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA AFORESAID, SHALL HEREAFTER BE AT HIS USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE EACH DAY BEFORE SUNSET AND SHALL REMAIN THEREIN UNTIL SUNRISE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND NO SUCH PERSON SHALL GO OUT OF HIS USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE AFORESAID UPON THE STREETS OR OTHERWISE DURING THE HOURS BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE;

2. NO PERSON OF THE JAPANESE RACE SHALL HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION OR USE IN SUCH PROTECTED AREA ANY MOTOR VEHICLE, CAMERA, RADIO TRANSMITTER, RADIO RECEIVING SET, FIREARM, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVE;

3. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EVERY PERSON OF THE JAPANESE RACE HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION OR UPON HIS PREMISES ANY ARTICLE MENTIONED IN THE NEXT PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, FORTHWITH TO CAUSE SUCH ARTICLE TO BE DELIVERED UP TO ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE RESIDING IN OR NEAR THE LOCALITY WHERE ANY SUCH ARTICLE IS HAD IN POSSESSION, OR TO AN OFFICER OR CONSTABLE OF THE POLICE FORCE OF THE PROVINCE OR CITY IN OR NEAR SUCH LOCALITY OR TO AN OFFICER OR CONSTABLE OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE.

4. ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR OFFICER OR CONSTABLE RECEIVING ANY ARTICLE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS ORDER SHALL GIVE TO THE PERSON DELIVERING THE SAME A RECEIPT THEREFOR AND SHALL REPORT THE FACT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE, AND SHALL RETAIN OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY SUCH ARTICLE AS DIRECTED BY THE SAID COMMISSIONER.

5. ANY PEACE OFFICER OR ANY OFFICER OR CONSTABLE OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HAVING POWER TO ACT AS SUCH PEACE OFFICER OR OFFICER OR CONSTABLE IN THE SAID PROTECTED AREA, IS AUTHORIZED TO SEARCH WITHOUT WARRANT THE PREMISES OR ANY PLACE OCCUPIED OR BELIEVED TO BE OCCUPIED BY ANY PERSON OF THE JAPANESE RACE REASONABLY SUSPECTED OF HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION OR UPON HIS PREMISES ANY ARTICLE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS ORDER, AND TO SEIZE ANY SUCH ARTICLE FOUND ON SUCH PREMISES;

6. EVERY PERSON OF THE JAPANESE RACE SHALL LEAVE THE PROTECTED AREA AFORESAID FORTHWITH;

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DATED AT OTTAWA THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1942.

Louis S. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice

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THE MACDONALD, EDMONTON

SUMMER RESORTS
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WINNIPEG, MAN.

Indian schools plus the building of say 500 houses on adjacent lands is impractical because:

(1) There is no work for these people in the vicinity other than for 100 to 200 men, part time.

(2) The cost of a house is $500 to $600.

(3) The tenement conditions in these crowded buildings for women and children alone would be bad and if you attempt to unite families by bringing the men to the schools during the winter, the accommodation would have to be cut almost in half.

(4) The purchase of the Lebret and St. Albert institutions would be at least half a million dollars, five hundred houses at $500.00 each would be another quarter of a million dollars, and then your families are not united, conditions are bad and there is very little work for them.

The alternative is to rent the buildings which would be away better than purchasing but all the smart men on the spot and the people themselves advise against the scheme, especially J. Wallingford, Goodwin and Gibson.

The tuberculosis and chronic disease problem is not so easy to answer. The Indian School owned by the Government and operated by the United Church, seven miles out of Edmonton, is a good institution. It would be suitable. It could be served by a Jap doctor and consultants from Edmonton. The arguments against it are that if there are ten to twelve Japanese in the Slocan districts, the Sanitarium should be built at New Denver in the midst of their people and all chronic cases could be cared for in the local hospitals of Greenwood, Kelso, Slocan and Sandon. From a humanitarian viewpoint and the administration's viewpoint, in that doctors, nurses and all the rest of my staff are in that area, New Denver is the place.

So that my conclusions are that the Prairies is too expensive by far a place to be putting these people; their families will not be united, troubles will develop, and the administration will be very difficult.

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However, I am of the opinion that a deal has already been made at Ottawa with the consent of several Ministers of the Crown and we will have a hard time upsetting a pre-arranged and private deal. You may be sure we will place the facts clearly and vigorously before Mr. MacNamara.

Yours very truly,

J. Mead

Pour le Ministre
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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
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April 15th, 1942

PERSONAL

Major Austin Taylor, Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

You will recall that it was at your insistence and at that of the Honourable Ian Mackenzie, that the Commissioner of the R.C.M.P. agreed to Assistant Commissioner F.J.Mead being appointed to the British Columbia Security Commission on a temporary basis.

Headquarters have now been without the services of this officer since the 15th of February, and a situation has now arisen which makes it imperative that he return to Headquarters to assume the very important duties as Director of Criminal Investigation for the whole Dominion. This position in the Force is second in importance only to that of the Commissioner, and this important position must be filled immediately with a permanent appointment.

I would therefore be glad to secure the release of Assistant Commissioner Mead immediately from the temporary duties he has assumed with your Commission. Should you require some other Officer from the Force, I could recommend the services of Superintendent Salt, who is at present stationed in Vancouver, and who has been working on the Japanese problem from its inception.

As this matter is rather urgent, I would be glad if you would let me know as soon as possible if this change would be agreeable to you or if there is some other person you would wish to suggest to replace Assistant Commissioner Mead on your Commission. The appointment would, of course, be made by Order in council for which I would like to prepare a recommendation as soon as I can hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Louis St. Laurent

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AIR MAIL

April 16, 1942.

Honorable Louis St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. St. Laurent:

Your personal letter of April 15th regarding Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead. As you will recall one of the conditions under which this Commission was formed was that I could have who I wished as associate commissioners.

For the time being at least I would much prefer for the good of the cause, that you replace me with someone more suitable as it is absolutely imperative, if this Commission is to function, that we have, for a few weeks at least if not for a few months, the services of Assistant Commissioner Mead. He knows the Japanese, he understands their peculiarities, has contacts, not only with the police but with other departments necessary to insure the success of our endeavors. Although I appreciate the difficulties of Commissioner Wood and the other departments nevertheless I must without hesitation request your tolerance with the duties of this Commission for the time being at least.

I am hopeful that the organization we have set up will start to bear fruit in the immediate future so that the duties of the Commission will from then on be mechanical, at which time we will gladly cooperate in every way possible to immediately release Assistant Commissioner Mead.

Yours very truly,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

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May 5, 1942.

Commissioner Wood,
Officer Commanding,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Commissioner Wood:

With reference to our conversations of about three weeks ago when you requested Assistant Commissioner Mead's services, I fully appreciate your need for his services and believe I am now in a position to say, providing our present plans for evacuation which we will submit to the Government next week carry through and have their approval, that Assistant Commissioner Mead's services can be made available to you the latter part of July or early in August.

I fully appreciate this is an imposition on you but it is also an imposition on Assistant Commissioner Mead and would be a much greater imposition on this Commission if his services were used elsewhere during our period of evacuation.

As you know our plans up to date have been more or less in the blue print stage but between now and the 15th of July we are hopeful of realizing the fruits of our endeavors.

Trusting you can afford to bear with us for the time being and be as reasonably patient as possible, I am

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
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May 15th, 1 9 4 2

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Major Austin Taylor, Chairman,
The British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I am writing you personally about Assistant-Commissioner Mead.

We do not want to embarrass your Commission in any way but it is very important that we get Assistant-Commissioner Mead back as soon as possible to take charge of Criminal Investigation at Headquarters, as Director. Assistant-Commissioner Tait cannot carry on any longer, and this work is - as you no doubt will realize - extremely important at this time. I will take it as a personal favour if you will endeavour to expedite matters so that Assistant-Commissioner Mead may be replaced at the earliest possible moment without, of course, jeopardizing the success of your Commission's work in British Columbia.

I realize to what extent we are endebted to you, and I am therefore writing to you personally and confidentially so as not to put you in the position of having to refuse any request I might submit to you officially.

Yours sincerely,

Louis St. Laurent

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CONFIDENTIAL

May 21st, 1942.

The Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. St. Laurent:

Your personal letter of May 15th is much appreciated, and this Commission appreciates equally as much the tolerance you have had with us in allowing the services of Assistant Commissioner Mead as long as you have. It is impossible to express the value of Assistant Commissioner Mead's work with us; without his services this Commission would not have functioned; therefore, you can readily realize how much we value his services and advice. He is a tireless worker, and the last person he thinks of, is one named Frederick J. Mead.

Since receiving your letter I have given considerable thought to our situation and discussed the matter thoroughly with the other Commissioners.

The position of the B. C. Security Commission today is as follows:

We have placed before the Government a plan to complete the evacuation of the Japanese. It is now under consideration. If accepted, then it is merely a matter of con-

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pleting same, and this Commission will automatically be reduced to a Civil Service Department, which can be competently handled by the personnel we now have and appoint to the respective positions. If, on the other hand, the Government have a better solution to our problems than we have presented for their consideration, then the same situation will apply. If, for some reason, they should refuse to accept our plan or be unable to present a better one, then this Commission is in exactly the same position, and there is no need for the services of the three Commissioners to continue, and the Japanese can be equally well cared for by the personnel above referred to.

We are starting today to prepare the above-mentioned formula, and I have advised Assistant Commissioner Mead that I am writing you with the hope that his services will be available to you by the 15th of June.

In this connection, it is only fair to state that I have never had the pleasure of working with an individual with a more tolerant and human understanding or better general appreciation of human affairs than Assistant Commissioner Mead. I wish to congratulate you on being able to have such a person to appoint to such a highly responsible position as Director of Criminal Investigation at Headquarters.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor
Chairman.

cc: R. L. Maitland
A. MacNamara
Commissioner Wood, R.CMM.P.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

May 25th, 1942,
KASLO, B.C.

Mr. W. Bannan,
B.C. Security Commission,
KASLO, B.C.

Dear Sir:

1. At the request of the Commission, I am making an inspection tour of the various camps and projects that house the Japanese.

2. I am making the following requests for your immediate attention and action. There are some important reasons for speed in carrying out these requests, the main one being an impending inspection tour by the International Red Cross and the Consuls of the Swiss and Spanish nations. The Commission feels it important that this group have a favourable report to the International Powers.

(a) Immediate proper disposal of garbage. Proper cans or receptacles placed on each floor of each building. Receptacles to be collected at regular intervals, contents suitably disposed of and the receptacles kept clean. I suggest you use a truck, driver etc. for routine collection.

(b) In my opinion there is over-crowding in certain of the buildings. This should be immediately remedied in the following ways:

1. A Warehouse for the storage of all excess baggage. Baggage to be ticketed and access possible by the Japanese at certain hours. This will clear up some of the clutter in the halls and rooms.

2. Each floor of the larger buildings should include a separate room as a Nursery for younger children and possibly a separate room for ironing.

3. Mothers with babies under one year of age should be in a special building where they could have a Nursery, a stove to cook their bottles of milk etc., and where the wailing of the babies would not disturb other people.

4. Certain inside rooms are not suitable.

5. Certain rooms have too many people in them.

6. Where possible, in each large building such as the Kaslo Hotel, the whole lower floor should be set aside for the recreation of

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old people, sewing room etc.

7. I suggest that on each floor, a hallway or room be set aside for about three sewing machines.

8. A voluntary supervisor, a Japanese woman, should be in charge of each floor, whom you will be able to contact in your daily inspections and make sure everything is clean and kept in order.

(c) It is my belief that no more people should be brought into the town until the above suggestions are carried out. If you feel that they can be carried out before the next shipment is due, well and good. In any event, a shipment on the 30th does not look feasible to me now.

(d) I have made arrangements with Mr. Boultbee and Dr. Gibson for one of the buildings to be used as a medical clinic and dental clinic, where patients will go at certain hours to see Dr. Gibson. He is on salary and is available for the care of the Japanese people. In this connection I will make a contract with the Kaslo General Hospital for the payment of hospital bills at standard rates. I will also make such an arrangement with the Drug store for prescriptions.

(e) It is the intention to have a Public Health Nurse go through, and with the aid of a Doctor, immunize the children against certain diseases. The clerical work for this will be done by the Public Health Nurse on special Public Health cards, copies of which will be retained by the Commission. I am sending through a Social Service or Welfare Worker, who will be responsible to me and will make certain suggestions.

Yours very truly,

"G.L. Hodgins, M.B.)

P.D. It is my intention to immediately send a Japanese graduate nurse to Kaslo. She will be a big help to Dr. Gibson and to yourself, and will be on salary from the Commission.

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...the Protected Area of British Columbia

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DATED AT OTTAWA THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1942.

Louis S. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice

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REPORT on TRIP through INTERIOR TOWNS

June 1, 1942.

In visiting the towns in the Interior, housing the Japanese people, I viewed them from three angles.

1. The physical set-up at present.

2. Adaptation of plans to be carried out over a long period of time.

3. Reaction of the white population of the various towns and communities to the Japanese people and the Commission.

My conclusions are as follows:-

1. The white population almost without exception are pleased with the advent of the Japanese, are kindly, and have but one criticism which was expressed often and definitely -- that the Commission was not treating these people well enough.

2. In my opinion and also the opinions of the whites of the towns, these people are overcrowded.

3. Their cooking facilities are very bad. There are not enough stoves, no system, no cupboards, no storage for food, and in the summer time conditions will be appalling in some of the rooms.

4. A mistake has been made in sending the Japanese to these towns without adequate plans in detail. Numbers in a room, numbers of families in a room, toilets, washrooms, kitchens, etc., planned for the floor of a building, or a whole building.

5. Relief is badly administered, and probably insufficient in amount.

6. No plan to obtain work locally for the Japanese.

7. No plan to house by ticket for excess baggage.

8. No organized smart efficient office staff to represent the Commission.

9. No previously planned system of garbage collection and disposal.

10. No planned Fire drills.

11. No planned playgrounds, work, amusement, etc.

12. Japanese help in the Commission's office at times seem to have more power than the Commission's representative.

My Recommendations are:-

1. That medical care and hospitalization, drugs, be given free to these people, irrespective of whether they are working or not.

2. That in each town, the Commission have an office manager, bookkeeper and a white stenographer, and that Japanese help be

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employed only in an outer office, having no access to the mail and confidential business of the Commission.

3. That immediately, a staff of Welfare Workers, a Dietitian and a Public Health Nurse, be sent to each Camp to travel from place to place, and that they be given definite instructions by the Commission as to the Minimum requirements of the towns in the way of garbage, sanitation, light, heat, recreation space, nurseries, cooking space, food preparation and storage space. This whole thing to be specified as to the minimum requirements for each floor of the larger buildings.

That this group of workers be instructed to teach the Japanese women organization as to cooking, buying, care of the children in a nursery certain hours of the day on each floor, the appointment of voluntary monitors on each floor, etc.

I have outlined much of this procedure to Miss Moscrop who is now in Kaslo, and the establishment of suitable accommodation is now under way for old men and old couples, on the ground floor of each building.

4. That immediately, instructions be given to the manager of each camp to have five to ten acres of ground plowed, disced and prepared for the planting of potatoes and hardy vegetables, and that one person, preferably an expert, be delegated to obtain the seeds, etc. and see that they reach their destination and are planted.

5. That groups of Japanese men workers be sent to each camp to cut wood, 200 to 300 cords for each camp.

6. That the Commission contact the clothing industry with a view to establishing small branch factories in each town. Essential of success in any such project is that they must be paid by piece work and not by the hour or by the day.

7. That before a single person is admitted to Sandon, definite instructions be given to the future office staff as to the minimum requirements as outlined above.

8. In my opinion it is quite possible there will be no objection from the white population if the Japanese men accompany their families to any of the towns. Of course in Sandon there can be no objection whatever and this will give a place in which the Commission may freely send men with their families.

9. The immediate establishment of dormitories for boys 12 to 16 years of age, with an older Japanese man in charge.

10. Please note that the establishment of a nursery on each floor of a boys' dormitory will lessen the confusion which is now terrific in the larger buildings of these towns.

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11. I am quite convinced that in the set-up of these towns, there should be a smart manager and office staff, but the success or failure of this experiment in dealing with human beings who are confused and of an alien race, housed in overcrowded quarters, will depend entirely on the appointment of smart welfare workers and Nurses, rather than on the male officers of the Commission.

12. My visit emphasizes something of which I have always been convinced - that the solution is to put the families together, preferably in small parcels of land, rather than the crowded tenements.

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G. Lyall Hodgins, M. D.

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May 30th, 1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Assoc. Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

1. On my return from an inspection of Interior Housing sites in British Columbia, I found conditions to be such that I considered it in the best interest of the Government and the Commission that Dr. Lyall Hodgins, our Medical Supervisor make an inspection trip immediately in order to remedy matters such as Sanitation, Welfare, etc.

2. I attach hereto a copy of his memorandum to our Supervisor at Kaslo which I am sure will be of interest to you and will give you an idea of what we are up against in handling the evacuation of women and children. Supervisors have been notified to give effect to recommendations made by Dr. Hodgins.

Yours very truly,

F.J. Mead, Commissioner,
B.C. Security Commission.

FJM/ER

Under Secretary of State,
External Affairs,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Attention Mr. A. Rives.

Copy together with copy of Dr. Hodgins' letter - For your information.

F.J. Mead, Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
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Ottawa
June 2, 1942.

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Major Austin Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Major Taylor,

I thank you sincerely for your letter of May 21st, informing me that it is likely that the services of Assistant Commissioner Mead will be made available to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police about the 15th June next and I have acquainted the Commissioner of the Force with this information and naturally he was very glad to receive it.

Commissioner Wood asks me to transmit to you his special thanks for your excellent cooperation and understanding as Chairman of the British Columbia Security Commission. He believes that without your Chairmanship the progress thus far made with the Japanese situation would have been much more difficult.

I should like to express also my own deep appreciation of the relief to this Department which results from good work performed by your Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Louis S. St. Laurent

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

AIR MAIL

June 8, 1942.

Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. St. Laurent:

Thanks for your personal letter of June 2nd regarding Assistant Commissioner Mead. We have requested Assistant Commissioner Mead to remain here until such time as the delegation composed of the Spanish Vice Consul and representative of the International Red Cross arrive for their inspection tour of our Japanese evacuation projects. It was hoped that the Assistant Commissioner could leave on the 15th instant but the following telegram makes this impossible as he will definitely be required here to accompany the delegation:

"ASST. COMMR. MEAD,
BC SECURITY COMMISSION
VANCOUVER, B.C.

FROM CONVERSATIONS IN MONTREAL YESTERDAY IT IS CLEAR THAT SPANISH VICE CONSUL AND RED CROSS DELEGATE WILL NOT ARRIVE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA BEFORE JUNE 25th AND IT IS NOT UNLIKELY TRIP WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL EARLY JULY.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS."

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

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Ottawa, June 11, 1942

VIA AIRMAIL

Dear Major Taylor:

I do not know how Commissioner Mead feels about it but we have been writing Honourable Mr. St. Laurent to the effect that Commissioner Mead is needed where he is and urging that he be not moved, at least for the present.

As a personal message to "Jack" you might say that I thought he liked the Coast!

Seriously, it does seem to the Minister and to the writer very essential that Commissioner Mead remain on the job for the present.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara
Associate Deputy Minister.

Major Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
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c/o Mr. A. MacNamara,
Dept. of Labor, Ottawa.

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Dear Major Taylor,

Further to my letter of the 25th of May last, in connection with the services of Assistant Commissioner Mead, in reply to your communication advising that it was hoped to be able to release this Officer by the 15th of June:

Assistant Commissioner Mead was in Ottawa yesterday, and the situation was discussed with him. He informs me that you are anxious that he accompany Mr Schwartz, Consul General of Spain, on his visit to the various Japanese camps in British Columbia before his services can be dispensed with.

We now learn from External Affairs that Mr Schwartz is not anxious to make the trip, which was tentatively set for the 25th of June, as he is to be relieved, and consequently External Affairs advise that the visit to the camps may not take place for six weeks or two months.

The Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is quite willing to agree to your request that Mead accompany the Consul General of Spain when the visit to the camps takes place; but as the trip is rather indefinite, I would ask that you release Assistant Commissioner Mead now, in order that he may take over the important position of Director of Criminal Investigation here in Ottawa, for it is essential that he be present at the Hemisphere Conference to be held in Ottawa on the 29th instant, at which Mr J.Edgar Hoover and other heads of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, and the heads of the British Secret Service in the United States will be present to discuss matters of vital

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interest.

I cannot impress upon you too strongly the importance of having Assistant Commissioner Mead return to duty with the Force with the least possible delay, as his predecessor has only been prevailed to stay on until he can be relieved, and there are vitally important commitments pending which involve that particular branch of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Again I would like to thank you for your consideration and co-operation in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Louis St. Laurent

Minister of Justice.

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H. L. Keenleyside,
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AS FROM TODAY

F. J. Mead
for B.C. Security Commission

Charge: Austin C. Taylor,
B.C. Security Commission

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COPY for the information of Major Austin Taylor

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Ottawa, June 19, 1942

My dear Colleague:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, in connection with the services of Assistant Commissioner Mead:

This Officer was in Ottawa yesterday, and advantage was taken of the occasion to discuss the situation with him. He informed the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that Major Austin Taylor wishes him to accompany the Consul General of Spain on his visit to the Japanese camps. As this visit is somewhat indefinite, I am today communicating with Major Austin Taylor in this regard.

Assistant Commissioner Mead advises that Major Austin Taylor may continue his services with the British Columbis Security Commission for some months yet, by which time, no doubt, the condition with regard to Japanese will be more satisfactory.

Yours sincerely

(sgd.) Louis St. Laurent
Minister of Justice

The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, M.P.,
Minister of Labour,
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Ottawa, June 29, 1942

My dear Colleague:

With reference to your letter of June 19th addressed to Mr. Austin Taylor in regard to the proposal that Assistant Commissioner Mead return to Ottawa, I believe you know my views in this connection and, in view of the fact that Mr. Taylor has sent your letter along to us for reply, I would very much appreciate it if you would advise that Assistant Commissioner Mead may plan on remaining in Vancouver until, say, the 1st of August.

When discussing this matter with Assistant Commissioner Mead recently, I took the liberty of expressing the opinion that this would be on the definite understanding that the fact of his remaining in Vancouver until August 1st would not jeapordize his promotion in any way.

Assistant Commissioner Mead has given excellent service and, in fact, I do not know what they would have done without him and certainly I would strongly urge that it be seen to that his promotion to a position which is, I believe, in contemplation, should not be jeapordized.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable L. S. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
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MR. MacNEIL

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June 30th, 1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Assoc. Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, ONT.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Commissioner Mead and Dr. Hodgins returned Sunday morning from the east and at 11:00 A.M. were met by the Senior members of the Commission who were very interested in the story they brought back of the meeting with yourself and others in the east. The new program as outlined, was considered a definite step towards a satisfactory solution of our problems.

The re-uniting of the families will, of course, entail considerable shuffling around in our Interior towns. These towns are quite well filled and will now have to be thinned out to some extent in order to provide accommodation for the heads of families, possibly 1,500 in number. In order to cope with this situation, we are proceeding as follows:

First, using the tents now enroute in different strategic locations for temporary housing accommodation. Second, constructing four hundred small houses on locations now decided on or under consideration. By the time the latter are constructed, the success or otherwise of the farm plans in the Prairie Provinces will be definitely known and the number of additional houses necessary will depend on this point.

We have reduced the initial cost of these houses considerably as it is now understood that the Government is not particularly interested in the scheme presented to you on May 13th in connection with using these houses for Returned soldiers. We now believe we can construct these houses for approximately three hundred dollars each,

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..... which would house from six to eight Japanese. We shall, of course, have to provide ourselves with more land. We are arranging to lease wherever possible, but the amount of acreage available on this basis is limited and it will be necessary to purchase additional tracts. We are now endeavouring to acquire from the National Trust Company, land now occupied by a comparatively small number of Doukhobour Sons of Freedom and have made an offer of $20.00 an acre for it. We shall hear definitely from the National Trust Company in a few days.

One thing, however, we must bear in mind in connection with this housing scheme is, that we cannot keep women and children in tents after possibly the first of October and certainly not after the first of November - so speed is essential and this matter will be pressed with all vigour.

Dr. Hodgins is now studying which is the best possible site for T.B. patients. Commissioner Mead has wired to you regarding the probability of using the Edmonton Indian School for some fifty families and these families will be evacuated as soon as we are definitely informed that the premises are ready for them.

Yours very truly,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman,
B. C. Security Commission.

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AIR MAIL October 2, 1942.

PERSONAL

Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead,
R. C. M. Police,
Justice Bldg.,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Mead:

I am enclosing Minutes covering various Orders and Agreements which have been approved by both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Shirras and which, for the sake of keeping the record clear, need your signature.

Would you kindly sign these Minutes and return them to me as I wish to get the files in shape before I leave, which will be on the 9th or 10th of this month.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. Harper,
Legal Adviser.

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PERSONAL

September 23rd, 1942.

Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Room 142, Justice Bldg.,
Ottawa.

Dear Jack:

Under separate cover I am forwarding you copies of some pictures recently taken in the Slocan area by a Province newspaper reporter, Lloyd Turner. I have endeavoured to give you some description on the back of each picture, and thought you might like to show these to the Minister and to Mr. MacNamara, and other interested parties, as to what the Commission is doing.

Incidentally, I am in hopes of being able to wire you next Monday requesting that you advise the Minister and Mr. MacNamara that Hastings Park has been emptied. We have advised the Militia that they can move in on October 1st. By the end of October all Japanese will be out of this area.

I think it might be well for you now to have a preliminary talk with the Minister and Mr. MacNamara as to the set-up of the Commission after that date. We have a good organization quite capable of carrying on all necessary functions required. However, I do not believe that you and John and I should be saddled with the responsibilities as we have in the past; otherwise, it will remain an indefinite job and probably fall to our lot to rehabilitate these people after the war, which might be equally as good a headache as the last six months' evacuation.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

ACT:GT

Austin C. Taylor

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TO WIT:)

I, FREDERICK JOHN MEAD

SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY SWEAR THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY AND HONESTLY FULFIL THE DUTIES WHICH DEVOLVE UPON ME AS A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

Frederick John Mead

SWORN BY THE ABOVE-NAMED AT VANCOUVER IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO, BEFORE ME,

A. D. Ellis

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DATED AT OTTAWA THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1942.

Louis S. St. Laurent,
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June 15, 1942.

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Mr. Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Austin,-

We are now in Winnipeg. It took us longer to get to Edmonton than we anticipated on account of a rock slide and we arrived fifteen hours late. Colonel Gibson had already arrived and we had a conference the same afternoon and later on went to the suite of Mr. Aberhart, the Premier, and carried on our discussions with him.

One of the pleasant surprises of the trip so far was the co-operative attitude shown by Mr. Aberhart. This was especially sincere in his reference to the Commission, although he felt that Ottawa could have been a little bit more polite to him than they were when he asked that they endorse the agreement of the Commission to evacuate the Japanese after the war.

Mr. Aberhart was not very keen about our placing Japanese in the Indian schools near Edmonton. He was not adamant on the subject, as our friend John would say, but he questioned the wisdom of such a policy and considered, as we do, that the placing of these people in communities on the land and building small living quarters for families was the proper solution. He discussed the agreement, which by the way was returned from Ottawa the day before we arrived, with Colonel Gibson and wished something added in regard to costs for education, but later on decided he would let the agreement stand and not raise that issue.

As you know, Mr. Aberhart is an outstanding man in the educat-
ional field. He is Minister of Education in Alberta as well as Premier
and Attorney-General. He expressed his views on the question of
education and considered the Commission should decide a definite
policy in regard to the Japanese now in Alberta and the following
morning Lyle and I had another interview with him in his office,

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together with his Deputy Minister of Education and it was decided that the Provincial Education Department would make a survey with the idea of advising the Commission as to what they thought should be done to have Japanese children keep in line with the educational policy of the Alberta Government.

We told Mr. Aberhart that we would express his opinions to you and we could assure him that a member of the staff of the Commission would come to Alberta and discuss arrangements on our return.

Mr. Aberhart then advised us that the ghost town of Brule, thirty miles east of Jasper owned by the Provincial Government, was vacant and he considered it possible that Japanese might be placed there. There are seventy houses, two schools, a theatre and fifteen small shacks in the town, so Lyle and I decided to drive there that afternoon and I made arrangements with the Mounted Police to make the trip. Just prior to leaving, the Inspector came to my room and told us that from inquiries made it was doubtful if we could ever reach there by car and, to make a long story short, we asked him to have the Sergeant at Jasper go to Brule, make a survey, and send a report to us at Ottawa. Apparently the town has been vacant nearly fifteen years.

Colonel Gibson and Mr. Fallow, the Provincial Minister of Public Works, Mr. Ducet, Indian Affairs, Mr. Allen, Soldier Settlement Board, together with ourselves started out to inspect the Indian School at St. Albert (Youville) and the Protestant School north-east of the City. It had been raining hard the night before and we had only proceeded a couple of miles off the gravel highway when our cars got stuck in the mud. The Doc and I puffed and puffed with the rest of the group to try and get them out - Colonel Gibson nearly froze to death - and we ended up by walking back down the railroad to the highway, but later in the day we managed to make the inspections.

Briefly, we were not impressed with what we saw. Reverend Mother Allaire came from Ottawa with the idea that the B.C. Commission intended to recommend that the Government buy the Youville School, which I understand was for sale at a price of $300,000.00. The idea from our point of view appeared ridiculous and Colonel Gibson shared our view. It is an old place, dark and equipment in bad shape. It would hold approximately 400 people. The land owned by the School is cut up into strips and some of it is several miles from the main building.

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We then went to the Protestant School and found a better establishment there. This building, of course, is owned by the Dominion Government, run by the United Church and would hold in a pinch 300 people. There is lots of land surrounding the building but the idea of building small houses to accommodate ten people surrounding these schools is, in our opinion definitely out. It is altogether too costly compared with putting up the same building, say in Slocan Valley or Creston. Colonel Gibson did suggest that we might put up an H building later on in the summer to accommodate say 200 people and the men could probably be utilized on the farm.

The principal, a brother of the late leader of the C.C.F. party, Mr. Woodsworth, seemed to be quite agitated over the uncertain future of his school and talked with us at great length but there is no point in recounting his fears and distress in this letter.

After our visit to Edmonton, Lyle and I came to the conclusion that these Indian schools were not the answer to our problem, although they perhaps might be made auxiliary to it and might take care of 1500 people; that is if we included the Lebret Seminary and the Elkhorn Residential School.

We left Edmonton on Friday night and I made arrangements to have a Police car meet us at Melville, Saskatchewan, to drive to Lebret. Just before we got to Melville a truck drove smack into our train, killed the two people driving in it. Lyle went out to see what he could do but one was dead and the other beyond help, and we pulled into Melville late as a result. It did not take us long to inspect the Lebret Seminary. Here again these people wanted to palm something off to the Government by way of sale. Lyle and I could not recommend that this Commission be any part of such an arrangement. The building will hold approximately 400.

From there we went to Elkhorn, Manitoba, and found a very dilapidated forty-five year old Indian School, badly kept and incidentally badly run from all appearances. It has lots of land around it but it would not accommodate more than 150 people and we were not impressed - as Queen Victoria once said when some Scotchman pulled off a bum joke in her presence.

We made Brandon at midnight and left with a Mounted Police car next morning for Winnipeg where Lyle had the pleasure of meeting

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his son and I contacted some old friends. We talked with Charlie Graham yesterday and the Japanese here appear to be happy. He was looking forward to the visit of our old friend, John, but he may not be so happy about it when he receives the message that apparently John has for him. But in any event, Charlie Graham did as good a job as anyone could have done under the circumstances and, from what he told us, he has a happy group of people in Manitoba and the farmers are well satisfied but in answer to my questions as to whether he could take more families, he was not optimistic, although he said that some probably could be placed on farms here and there throughout the district.

This gives you the highlights of our trip so far. Neither Lyle nor I wanted to make this trip to Ottawa but we also understand that somebody must go down there and tell Mr. MacNamara that these Indian Schools do not meet the problem of our Commission. I have a telegram from Mellor advising me of the Gosnell trouble and I can see this is a forerunner of more of the same kind of trouble if we do not commence to keep these families united and that is to be our theme song when we see Mr. Mitchell and Mr. MacNamara.

We have your letters and blueprints and they will be helpful. Colonel Gibson was not sure when we could have an appointment with Mr. Mitchell. He agreed with us that Mr. Mitchell should be interviewed and the difficulties placed in our way by the Labor Department given to him over the table in order that your original policy might be again considered as we two believe and so does Colonel Gibson that this is the only solution. He promised to make an appointment with us on Thursday morning with the Minister and he says he will do what he can to assist us in putting over our point of view, but, somehow or other, we feel that Mother Allaire softened him up a little but not to the point of recommending that the Government buy her building and to that proposition he gave a flat "No" but mentioned it might be used on a per capita basis of payment. We are not enthusiastic about such a proposition, although, in spite of our opinion, the Government may wish to place Japanese in these schools.

Lyle has some remarks to make and he takes over from now on:

Dear Austin,-

A few points stand out as Harry Allen and Ducet (Indian Affairs) from Ottawa and Colonel Gibson, without prompting from us, believe the

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