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Honorable Matthew Connelly
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Connelly:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have advised that they have obtained positive information through a former employee of the Soviet Military Attache at Ottawa, Canada, that the Soviets have an extensive espionage network in Canada. The Soviets have made the obtaining of complete information regarding the atomic bomb the Number One project of Soviet espionage and these data must be obtained before the end of this year. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police report that there is considerable loose talk in the Office of the Soviet Military Attache in Ottawa regarding the "next war" which the Soviet Union will have with the Anglo-American nations.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police received from the same source information that an assistant to an Assistant Secretary of State under Mr. Stettinius, was a paid Soviet spy. This man's name, or nickname, is unknown at the present time but further inquiry is being made by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in an effort to obtain further identifying data. No information regarding this situation is being furnished to the State Department in the absence of further identifying data.

With regard to the atomic bomb project, Dr. Allen May, a British scientist assigned to the McGill University Laboratory in Canada, has been identified as a paid Soviet spy of long standing. May spent some time during September, 1944, at the Metallurgical Laboratory of the University of Chicago, working on the separation process for uranium and is well informed as to the methods of setting up uranium piles or lattices.



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May is reported to have furnished the Soviets in Ottawa with a small quantity of U233 which is one of the isotopes of uranium and this specimen was flown directly to Moscow.

The information regarding May has been furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Major General Leslie Groves, head of the Manhattan Engineering District project.

It has also been definitely determined by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that Dr. May, in the first part of July, 1945, advised the Office of the Military Attache in Ottawa, that the United States Navy was using radar-controlled projectiles against Japanese suicide planes and that the tubes and batteries within the projectile were finished with a special plastic protective device against the shock of firing, which the American authorities have not furnished to the British.

This latter information has been called to the attention of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

The Canadian situation is being followed closely and any additional information will be brought to the attention of the President and you.

With assurances of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

