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Honorable Matthew J. Connelly
Secretary to the President
The White House
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Dear Mr. Connelly:

By DEB NLT Date 10-1-85
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You will recall that on September 12, 18, and 24, 1945, the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished the President and you with information regarding Soviet espionage activities, particularly with reference to the atomic bomb.

This Bureau has confidentially determined that because of the extent of Soviet espionage activity, some discussion may possibly be had with the President on this matter by the Right Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada.

It has been confidentially ascertained that the Canadian Government may recommend that representations be made on the highest level either to Stalin or Molotov that the Soviet espionage activities against the United States, Canada, and Great Britain are known and that further practices of this sort will not be tolerated. It is also understood that the Canadian Government may request thorough investigation of all Soviet espionage agents by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada with similar recommendations with regard to British Intelligence investigation of such individuals in the United Kingdom and investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of such individuals in the United States.

This information has, of course, been obtained through highly confidential sources in Canada and is being furnished at this time for the President's personal and confidential consideration. As far as is known there has been no statement of Canadian policy in this matter.

For your information, it has now been determined that in connection with the Soviet espionage activities in Canada, no less than twenty Canadian and three British subjects have been identified

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as Soviet espionage agents, acting under the direction of Soviet officials in Canada. Identification has also been made of a Czechoslovakian Attache in Canada. Also three residents of the United States and five Soviet representatives in the United States who have collaborated with the Soviet espionage agents in Canada, have been brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This matter is receiving constant attention and any further developments will be brought to the attention of the President and you.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

