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Colonel William J. Donovan.

At the suggestion of Mr. Remer, I called your attention a couple of months ago to Mr. Herbert Norman, formerly of the Canadian Legation in Tokyo, who was one of the passengers on the "SS Gripsholm". Mr. Norman is a young man who was born in Japan and who has an excellent knowledge of the Japanese language. He holds a Doctor's degree from Harvard and has done distinguished work in the field of Japanese history.

Mr. Remer feels strongly the desirability of closer integration between our Government and the Canadian Government in the matter of Far Eastern research and he would like very much to see Mr. Norman appointed as a liaison officer to look into the organization of Far Eastern research in the United States as well as in Canada.

If it were possible for you to make this suggestion to the appropriate Canadian official, the question could probably be settled without much difficulty. However, if you prefer, Mr. Remer might himself convey informally to a competent Canadian official the idea which is here set forth.

Will you let me know what your preference is in this matter?

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