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FROM: C. P. Reaser

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TO: Mr. Langer

SUBJECT: Dr. E. Herbert Norman

Dr. E. Herbert Norman, Third Secretary at the Canadian Legation in Tokyo, is being repatriated on the S.S. Gripsholm, which is due to arrive in this country in August.

Dr. Norman was raised in Japan and has excellent spoken and written command of the Japanese language. He holds a Ph.D. degree from the Department of History at Harvard. His dissertation there has been published by the Institute of Pacific Relations under the title, Japan's Emergence as a Modern State.

We believe that if Dr. Norman could be assigned to Washington he might be extremely helpful in establishing liaison in regard to Japanese studies between Canadian and British agencies and the Office of Strategic Services.

May we urge that this suggestion be brought to the attention of Canadian authorities here if any proper channel is available.

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