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Kindly do not write of more than one subject in any one letter.

In your reply refer to No. 429

Immigration Branch

Department of the Interior  
Canada

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Windsor, Ontario November 14th 1916.

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*Mr. F. O. Blais*

Sir:-

Today they appeared at Windsor a party of ten Mennonites, destined to Brunner, Ontario, and other points in that district.

The party was headed by E.L. Frey, Bishop of the Mennonite Church. On examination he clearly stated that his church did not encourage recruiting, but rather discouraged it, and further stated that any member of his church volunteering for military service would be forthwith dismissed from membership.

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After discussing the matter with Travelling Inspector D.H. Reynolds, I thought it wise to refuse them admission on account of the views, expressed by the bishop, regarding recruiting and volunteering. I also read over, very carefully, the letter sent me on October 13th, 1916, in reference to Bible Students Association and thought your views expressed therein should apply in this case--refusing entry under war measures regulations. They were not served with Form B as they voluntarily returned to the United States.

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Attached is signed statement of Bishop Frey.

I am sending this along for your information as I am under the impression this matter will be taken up with the Department.

Your obedient servant,

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Inspector in Charge.

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