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~ Mr. Woodson

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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

REFER TO NO. 247-2-2.

Ottawa,

14th March, 1927.

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th instant and in reply have pleasure in advising you that legislation approving the issue of licenses for private radio receiving stations, free of charge, to blind persons has now been passed. If you will be good enough to forward a complete list of such persons, showing:

- (1) Full name,
- (2) Street address,
- (3) Place,

the necessary radio licenses will be issued by this Department for the year commencing 1st April next.

If you have the information available, you may also indicate in each case the type of radio set held by the persons named. It may be also well in enclosing this list and in forwarding any subsequent names, for you to certify that the persons named are blind.

Yours faithfully,

(C.P. Edwards)

Director - Radio Service.

Captain E.A. Baker,  
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 General Secretary,  
 Canadian National Institute for the Blind,  
 186 Beverley Street,  
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AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

SATURDAY, the 26th day of February, 1927.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS the Minister of Marine and Fisheries reports that representations have been made to the Department urging that the fee of \$1.00 for a Private Radio Receiving License be remitted in the case of blind persons; and

That legislation to this effect has recently been passed in Great Britain;

THEREFORE His Excellency the Governor General in Council, in view of the fact that a large number of persons thus afflicted who derive much comfort from the reception of radio broadcasting are in poor circumstances, is pleased, on the recommendation of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to order that the Radio Regulations issued in accordance with Section 10 of the Radio-telegraph Act, Chapter 43, Statutes 1913, be and they are hereby amended as follows, viz.:

Radio Regulation No.1 is amended by the addition of the following:-

"1 (a).....(no change.....

(b) Provided that the Minister may at his discretion issue free of charge to any blind person a license for a private receiving station upon being satisfied that such person is blind."

E. J. Lemaire  
Clerk of the Privy Council.