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January 12, 1961.

Mrs. Jean McDonald,
28 Thornlee Crescent,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge your letter of December 26 with regard to an increase in the old age pension rates.

I should point out that the present Government gave evidence of its concern for the welfare of the older citizens of Canada almost immediately upon taking office by increasing the old age pension rates, as well as raising the level of permissible income under the various shared federal-provincial programmes such as old age assistance, blind persons pension, etc. Furthermore, the welfare of the older citizens is continuing to receive consideration of Mr. Diefenbaker and his colleagues.

At Mr. Diefenbaker's request your communication has been brought to the attention of his colleague, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, for his information.

Yours sincerely,

Claude Gauthier
Claude Gauthier,
Secretary.