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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MEMORANDUM

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FROM: ...European Division.....

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SUBJECT: ...WOODCOTT ESTATES... Claims against Austrian Government.....

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When I was discussing informally some of the Canadian claims in Austria with the Austrian Chargé d'Affaires, Dr. Peinsipp today, he made two observations which are perhaps worth putting on file and which you may wish to use in writing to Vienna about these cases.

2. He said in the first place that he thought that the Austrian Government would see to it that Mr. Vansickle's claim was satisfactorily adjusted, although it might take some time because of the parallel claims of other foreign oil interests.

3. He also said that the claim of the Woodcott Estates for representation in the sugar beet industry was, he believed, complicated by the record of the principal claimant, whom he said was Mr. Bentley. Bentley's name until he acquired Canadian citizenship was Blochbauer (I am not sure of this spelling). He had a rather unsavoury reputation with Austrian Governments before the Anschluss; because he did everything possible to prop up the price of sugar by fair means and foul. He evidently left Austria in 1938 and Dr. Peinsipp thought that he had become a Canadian since the war.

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