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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: NNL

SUBJECT: Consulate at Fort Erie (Your letter of June 23, 1971).

Mr. Louis McDermott  
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An examination of our files has shown that the State Department has provided you with incorrect information as to the Consuls who served at Fort Erie. According to our records, the following men were appointed: Freeman N. Blake, appointed February 23, 1865; Andrew C. Phillips, appointed April 16, 1869; Harry P. Dill, appointed February 1, 1881; Robert S. Chilton, appointed April 11, 1882; La Rue Peck, appointed February 27, 1883; James Whelan, appointed May 5, 1886; Ossian Bedell, appointed July 24, 1890; Ralph Johnson, appointed September 19, 1893; Ossian Bedell, appointed July 5, 1897; Horace J. Harvey, appointed July 1, 1902; and George S. Messersmith, appointed June 25, 1914. The consulate was closed by Consul Messersmith on June 1, 1916.

The only location for the consulate which we have been able to find was that of the tenure of Consul Harvey. During this period, the consulate occupied an unnumbered building on Niagara Street, facing the Niagara River, and was about a block from the ferry to Buffalo and a mile from the bridge. The building was owned by Henry G. Falke of Buffalo. We can provide you with a photographic print of this building for \$3.50.

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Sincerely,

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