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My dear Sir Arthur,

I sent you from Edinburgh two days ago a hasty letter in which I described to you the attitude of Crewe and Weisner about the Collip discovery. In this letter I mentioned the fact that Weisner was anxious to have us under-take the work with a patent similar to that arranged in connection with the Insulin Fund, that Crewe was also in favour of University taking out patents, and that the attitude of their laboratory in general was both cordial and sympathetic, not only about the scientific and academic relations, but also with reference to the proposed plan of getting a royalty in one form or another from whatever commercial firms should undertake the work.

Since then I met Professor Clarke, who is Cushny's successor in the pharmacological department in Edinburgh. He mentioned to me for the first time the difficulties that had arisen in Great Britain over patents that had been issued, not only by Toronto, but also by Madison, Wisconsin, by Dick in Chicago, and by the Germans as well. He told me that the Medical Research Council of Great Britain were preparing to issue some statement with reference to their general policy, and that it would be as well for me to see Fletcher, the chairman of the Council.

On my return to London, I made an appointment, and before seeing him I received Simpson's timely cable, telling me of the progress of your arrangements and of your wish that I should see Fletcher in order to ascertain the attitude of the Medical Research Council with reference to patents on products discovered in University laboratories.