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Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
Principal,  
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Dear Sir Arthur:-

In conference with Mr. Kynoch, following your suggestion of this morning, we wish to advise as follows:-

In order to clarify the situation as much as possible, Mr. Beck, Secretary of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has forwarded you this afternoon memorandum giving you a resumé of the correspondence and negotiations with Mr. Finlayson of Ottawa who represents the Department of the Interior.

The contract to which you referred us this morning dealing with the appropriations to be paid by the three parties proposing to occupy the new Cellulose Institute was drafted by the firm of Brown, Montgomery & Co., presumably at Col. Bovey's request, so that we may assume it represents a tentative draft only.

The maintenance charges of the Cellulose Institute will be considered first.

The question of allocating a definite sum as rental has not been placed before Mr. Stewart, or Deputy Minister, by Mr. Finlayson because it is considered that such a step would be inadvisable and judicious at the present moment.

Nevertheless, Mr. Finlayson feels that there should be no question of the willingness of his department to pay out from their annual grant the sum of approximately \$6,000.00 for the specific purpose of maintenance

charges, and it is Mr. Kynoch's understanding that Mr. Finlayson intends to bring this to the attention of Mr. Stewart in the near future in the form of a request for the definite allocation of a fixed proportion of their annual grant - approximately \$6,000.00 - for annual maintenance charges.

It should be noted that Mr. Finlayson is unfortunately away from Ottawa at the moment and would undoubtedly much prefer to handle this matter himself since it is very important that Mr. Stewart be given to understand we are not calling upon the Government for any gift to McGill, but merely the defraying of certain definite maintenance charges as specified above.

We are therefore both of the opinion that until Mr. Finlayson's return, you should leave over the definite settlement of the manner in which this agreement is to be concluded as relates to the new Cellulose Institute.