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Dr. Gordon J. Laing,  
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Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Laing:-

I believe you know the Archaeological Institute of America and that the Canadian section is known as "The Department of Canada".

I am writing this letter in the hope that you are planning to attend the annual meeting which I believe takes place at Ann Arbor, Mich. on December 28-30. Before the war I believe there were 14 Archaeological Societies in Canada, all part of the Canadian Section. The interest in that work has decreased very considerably until I think there are now only two societies living. We have one here and, I may say, at the annual meeting last night they elected you President.

When the Canadian Section was organized life membership certificates were sold, the proceeds of which were to be used to pay the expenses of a travelling lecturer in Canada. I believe the sum of \$5,000. was sent to the Archaeological Institute of America for investment in American funds and that this investment was made. Later on, I am told, nearly another \$7,000 were sent for the same purpose, but that this \$7,000 was not invested but was used to defray the general expenses of the Institute. In fact rather ugly terms were used in speaking of how this \$7,000. had been spent.