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Dear Mr. Gest,

I have carefully gone into the matter of your letter of March 29th relative to Tulane University with Sir Arthur Currie, who has given the matter the most sympathetic consideration. He requests me to assure you that only lack of funds prevents a further consideration of your proposal, but that this difficulty is, at the present moment, insuperable. The time is particularly unpropitious for extending the activities of the University in the direction which you propose, and your suggestion of interesting one of the banks here cannot be followed out owing to the fact that this bank has recently made a considerable appropriation to Canadian universities and is on the University list of names for the financial campaign to be undertaken next year.

Neither the Principal nor I have the slightest doubt as to the value of the archaeological researches being conducted by various universities. Both of us, however, agree with many others that a regional distribution of researches is eminently desirable and it seems fitting that Tulane University should deal with Middle American Research. There is a strong feeling in Canada that Canadian universities should pay more attention to the subject of Canadian archaeology, including the North American Indian. We have already progressed definitely