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My Dear General Currie

I have just returned from the West where I have been conducting my Mining Field Class and find awaiting me a note from Dr Adams covering your letter of 17<sup>th</sup> re my relations with the Department of Metallurgy. I shall have no typist until Thursday and under the circumstances I feel warranted in troubling you with this written explanation which will I trust clear me of any blame in your eyes.

You are quite right in assuming that I am not the "Director of the Department of Mining and Metallurgy" and I am greatly surprised that I am so characterized in my section of the Annual Report. I assure you that I have never consciously signed or assumed the title, and in my draft copy of the report I appear as "Director" which is correct, but with no reference to Metallurgy. I have no duplicate of the fair copy made by my typist from this draft for Dr Nicholson but I can scarcely believe that the words were