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Dear Mr. Little:-

Since our conversation in London last October you probably have been expecting to hear from me.

I have again thought long and carefully about the fitness of Major-General Macdonell for the position of President of Western University. There is no doubt about Macdonell's loyalty to the institution he serves, his enthusiasm for any work he undertakes and his powers of successful administration. His personal example is a good one to set before the students. He is a fine type of Canadian, patriotic, self-sacrificing, clean-minded, willing to work hard, and is actuated by none but the highest ideals. I am sure he would relieve the Board of Governors of many of their worries they now have because there is no one to co-ordinate the administrative and the academic services. I believe he would be popular with staff and students and an acceptable representative of the University before the public.

There is, of course, one thing which you must carefully consider, and that is his age. I do not know exactly what it is, but he has lived a very strenuous life in as much as he has never spared himself. What that life has been you know as well as I do. In view of his age I would think it would be necessary in a few years that you look about for another President. I