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My dear Sir:

On the evening of October seventeenth, at the close of the Sixtieth Convocation of The University of the State of New York, I had the high privilege, as President of The University and by direction of the Board of Regents, of conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State of the United States, and upon Doctor Charles William Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University. As President Eliot, because of his ninety years, felt it unwise to appear in person, he was represented by his grandson, Charles William Eliot, Second, and the degree was conferred in absentia.

It is perhaps needless for me to say that the Regents feel a great satisfaction in adding these eminent American citizens to that small number of distinguished men now living, upon whom the highest gift of The University of the State of New York has been bestowed. I take great pleasure in announcing the action taken at the Convocation to this little group, consisting of yourself, the Honorable Elihu Root, Doctor Thomas A. Edison, Ambassador Jean J. Jusserand, Cardinal Mercier, the Honorable Robert Lansing, Doctor John H. Finley, former Ambassador Vittorio Rolandi Ricci, and the Honorable John Bassett Moore. It may be that you will wish to extend to Secretary Hughes and President Eliot a word of welcome as your circle widens to include them.

With highest esteem and cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,


FRANK PIERREPONT GRAVES

To
Sir Arthur William Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
The Principal and Vice Chancellor
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