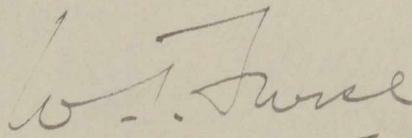


It is not only conceivable, but probable, that, on occasions, investigators at more than one University may engage contemporaneously upon the same research. Overlapping in research work, however, in moderation, is not an evil—far from it—there are obvious advantages in more than one worker attacking contemporaneously a scientific problem. But it would probably be helpful to the respective researchers, and certainly preventative of an undue amount of overlapping, if Universities engaged on the same line of research were put in touch with each other. This the Imperial Institute is ready to do. For this reason, it is requested that the Universities may see fit to inform the Imperial Institute of any researches on minerals and metals which they may propose to undertake.

In putting forward the possible researches of economic value in regard to minerals and metals, we do not describe the problem in great detail, nor do we presume to indicate how the problem should be approached and attacked, but it is hoped that sufficient information is given to indicate the nature, extent and importance of each specific problem. A wide scope is purposely allowed so as not in any way to restrict the research workers.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Furse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

*Director,*  
(Lt.-Gen. Sir William Furse).