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Dear Mr. Beatty,

I now enclose digest of Arts Faculty Survey made up from the material I had left in the office. I also enclose the reports of Mathematics, Psychology and Sociology which should be added at the back of the loose-leaf section of the Arts Faculty Survey in your possession. These were inadvertently omitted from what I sent you; I had them out because they were so controversial Sir Arthur was going to have them re-written.

Perhaps a word or two of what I know about the Survey may not be out of place.

In general, the Principal found the Surveys most disappointing. He appointed what he felt was the strongest possible committee in each Faculty; they were asked to survey the Faculty under two heads (a) a critical survey for private consumption and a survey of growth and expansion for public use. In actual practice what happened in most cases was that the survey committee of a faculty met, talked and talked, then asked each departmental head to submit a report. Instead of editing and criticizing these reports, mostly the Deans of the Faculties wrote the general survey report, (which was concurred in by the other members of the survey committee), and appended to it the unedited departmental reports. These departmental reports were very uneven, the departments were not critical of their own weaknesses, but laid emphasis on their growth and expansion.

A good example of what I mean is this: the attached report on Psychology does not reflect at all the attitude of the Arts Survey Committee in general towards the subject of Psychology and the Department of Psychology. I personally attended the meetings of the Arts Committee and took a verbatim report of the proceedings, heard the discussions, which, for the greater part tended towards the views expressed in the attached article: "The Rise and Fall of Psychology". Their attitude towards Sociology was much the same: true, they did recommend the abolition of the School for Social Workers, yet these two reports are submitted without comments in the report of the Survey Committee.