

February 16th, 1928.

Dean R. W. Brock,  
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Dear Dean Brock:-

A few weeks ago I attended a meeting of the Canadian Council of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. At that meeting it was stated by Mr. Nelson and Sir Robert Borden that they had written to you and asked you if you would be willing to serve as the Canadian member of the Research Committee of the Institute of Pacific Relations. This is the Committee of which Dr. Shotwell of New York is Chairman. Sir Robert announced that you had expressed a willingness to serve and he asked that your selection be confirmed.

I questioned the wisdom of asking you to act, and I know, Brock, you will understand there was nothing personal in my remarks. I pointed out that Shotwell lived in New York and that the majority of the members of his Committee lived close enough to New York to make it possible for them to attend any meetings which Shotwell might call. I know his Committee has already met more than once since the Honolulu Conference. I do not think it would have been possible for you to have attended any meeting unless you made a special trip from Vancouver