

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
LOS ANGELES

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President,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear President:-

The summer of 1932 will bring to the City of Los Angeles a large number of Conventions and Conferences, particularly will this be true because at that time there will be held in this city the International Olympic Games.

Some of us have thought, in this connection, that it would be of great interest and of distinct value to arrange for an International Conference of University Presidents, Rectors and Chancellors, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of establishing closer cooperation in educational matters and of bringing about a better understanding of our mutual problems with reference to international goodwill and world peace. Members of the teaching or administrative staff of any institution of higher learning would be welcome as associate members of such a Conference.

Before proceeding with arrangements for such a Convention, we believe it to be of the greatest importance to learn how you yourself feel with reference to such a meeting. Do you consider it a practical project and do you think that a number of university representatives from your own country would find it possible to be present? If you feel that such a Convention is desirable but that there are obstacles in the way of university administrators in your own country attending such a meeting here, will you not state frankly what these obstacles are so that we may consider the possibility of helping to overcome them.

If such a meeting should be held, doubtless it would be under the auspices of a group of institutions of higher learning on the Pacific Coast. These universities would undertake to attend to all local arrangements and to discharge all major responsibilities with reference to details of organization and program. Suggestions would be asked from foreign institutions as to subjects of interest and value and as to leading authorities to discuss them.

It would be a great pleasure to hear from you at once expressing your own opinion as to the advisability and wisdom of such an enterprise.

Faithfully yours,



President.