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You will note that in Mr. Hovey's latest chart the University has on the Administrative Committee a member 'by invitation'. In your letter to me you refer to this representation 'by invitation' and you add 'with particular reference to business administration and allocation of space'. This is something new altogether. I do not like these words 'by invitation'. In all previous discussions and in all previous charts, which Mr. Hovey said should be scrapped, it has always been agreed that the University would have one member on the Administrative Committee. I take it, and I think I have a right to take it, that the University's membership was one of right and not one of invitation. An invitation may never be sent or it may be cancelled at any time.

Mr. Hovey and I agreed that the only spirit that should animate us would be one of co-operation and helpfulness and now I am reminded that the University's one seat on the Administrative Committee is only 'by invitation'. In your letter, Mr. Beck, you state that that representation is only to deal with matters that have to do with building administration and allocation of space. That is not my understanding at all and it is the first time that the matter has been put to me in this fashion. I have been repeatedly told that McGill's membership on this Committee was in order that the University should feel that its advice was welcomed in matters of research carried on by the Association. You now tell me that we are to have no voice or interest in your research, but that we may have something to say when it comes to the allocation of space. I imagine we should not have much to say about that, as we have only one representative in a committee of five or more. In my conversation with Mr. Hovey on the 18th I certainly did not approve, nor was it even mentioned, that McGill's