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General Sir Arthur Currie,
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Dear General Currie:-

Pursuant to our conversation with you on Wednesday last in reference to the Canadian National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases and in accordance with your request may we submit a few facts in explanation.

The Canadian National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases is a voluntary organization formed at a Conference called by the Dominion Government in 1919 with the general idea of working out ways and means of attacking the Venereal Disease problem in Canada. It was recognized by this Conference that two distinct branches of activity are necessary if progress is to be made, the one governmental consisting largely of establishing treatment facilities in the form of clinics, the other voluntary, whose work should be propaganda and education in addition to the undertaking of certain pioneer work for which the Government could not be expected to assume responsibility.

Since then the governmental end has been well looked after by virtue of grants on the part of the Dominion and Provinces amounting to \$400,000 yearly. The result has been the establishment of fifty clinics in the various provinces.

The voluntary end of the work which is extremely important has only been financed by the Government to the extent of \$10,000 yearly. Proper financing and organization in each province will mean a big stimulus to Governmental work and will undoubtedly result in new and fundamental action which will otherwise not be undertaken for years to come.