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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Principal,
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My dear Principal,

I am writing this letter to you for Major Harwood Steele who, as you probably know, is a son of General Steele, late of Winnipeg. Major Steele has been contemplating a solo voyage of exploration from the Near East overland to Central China. I am enclosing a rough map showing the projected routes of this expedition. I have had several conversations with Major Steele during last winter and his first suggestion was that McGill University might give him a simple official letter stating that he had our best wishes for the success of the expedition and that we were interested in any new geographical or anthropological knowledge which he might obtain. He tells me that Cambridge University has suggested giving him a similar letter indicating that the expedition is wholly peaceful and unofficial in character. He also tells me that the Montreal Star has proposed making him a correspondent of theirs, provided always that he can offer them good reasons why the people of Canada should be interested at all in Chinese affairs and in Eastern affairs near and far, and when I saw him the other day I promised to bring his matter to your attention with a view to arranging a short interview with ^{you.} ~~him.~~ I should be greatly pleased, therefore, if you will make an appointment with Major Steele by letter at his address 456 Pine Avenue, West, or permit me to do so on your behalf.

I have no means of knowing Major Steele's qualifications for undertaking such an expedition, but I can easily see its significance. I wonder