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General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
M O N T R E A L, Quebec.

My dear General Currie:

Your letter of January 10th has just been received. Its contents are of course very disappointing. Neither in conversation with Monseigneur Gauthier nor in writing him was any suggestion made of a contribution to the Congress on the part of McGill University or the University of Montreal. It was solely a question of a contribution by the Government of the Province of Quebec. In no connection whatever was a sum of \$12,500 mentioned.

To what Monseigneur Gauthier's misunderstanding is due I do not see. I spoke with him in English and it is possible that I assumed too complete an understanding of that language on his part with the result that he misinterpreted something that I said. He may perhaps have somehow got mixed on the figures in my typewritten financial statement and have drawn wrong inferences. The total sum asked from within the Province of Quebec was in each case \$35,000, the whole of this amount to come from the Government of the Province. In regard to the Dominion Government it is definitely committed in writing to a grant of \$20,000. This was all that I requested at the time. The request in my letter to the Premier reads "The amount which I would suggest as a minimum grant from the Dominion Government is \$20,000". This sum was granted one might say with a smile. Probably it would be advisable for us to go ahead and ask the Dominion Government to raise its grant to \$35,000 that being the amount which is to be appropriated for the B.A.A.S.

I have not written the Premier since my return from Europe. It is my intention, however, to see him shortly or to write him and inform him of the favorable