

I wish to thank you. This I had hoped to be able to do while in Montreal today . Unfortunately, the nature of my engagements proved to be such that I failed altogether to find the free moment in which to call upon you. As a consequence, I am sending this letter by way of explanation, dictating it ~~by the way~~ on my way back to Ottawa from Montreal, whence I took Mr. Stewart's letter to show to you.

You will, I am sure, be the first to appreciate the great pressure of work I have been under since the change of Administration. This alone accounts for the deplorable state of much of my correspondence. Particularly do I wish to thank you for the more than kind letter which I received from you within a day or two after the general elections. It was one of a few letters to which I hoped to be able to reply by hand, but the moment of leisure essential to even so slight a recognition of a great kindness has thus far failed to present itself. Under the circumstances, I can only hope that you will pardon this long delay in an expression of thanks which I can assure you is very sincerely and deeply felt.

I was pleased to see that you have recently been spending a day or two with Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., New York. I wish I might have shared some portion of that