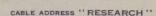H. M. TORY, D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.C.,
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Dr. C.F. Martin,
Acting Principal,
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Montreal.

Dear Dr. Martin:

I received today a letter from Hibbert which he claims to have shown to you and to which you gave your approval. I have written to him a rather informal reply, a copy of which I enclose.

It seems to me that he has taken a good deal upon himself to write to me asking for a statement of what the Government proposes doing, and to write in the name of the University of which he is a professor. If the University really has any feeling of concern about the development of the National Research Council Laboratories, it seems to me that the inquiry should come from the University itself, and not from an individual professor, who apparently is fearful that something may be done by the Government that might be done in his department. I confess to some little feeling of annoyance that instead of writing to me specifically about our relation to his own department, he should have taken it upon himself to inquire in the name of the University about the National Research Laboratories. Perhaps I am a wee bit stupid, but that is the way it appeals to me.

This statement is for your own consumption: The universities have nothing to fear from the development of the Research Council's work. I sincerely hope that before another five years have passed we will be