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Sir Arthur W. Currie  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec  
Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

You will remember that \$8000. was appropriated by the Council for a survey of the study of international affairs to be expended before September 1, 1929. This is a study of major importance for the Committee, and I believe that we should consider it with some care before starting the work. I am, therefore, asking you to come to a meeting of the Committee in Chicago during the week of December 26th when the Learned Societies will be meeting there. I would prefer to have the meeting in the afternoon of Saturday, December 29. I am suggesting that we have a luncheon meeting at 12:30 at the Hotel Congress and continue the work during the afternoon. If it is not possible for you to remain through Saturday afternoon, (we will be able to leave on the late afternoon trains), I would like to arrange for a luncheon meeting on one of the other days, and suggest Friday, the 28th, as the best time.

I shall have a room at the Hotel Congress and shall ask you to let me know when you reach Chicago, so that I can keep in touch with you in case any changes in the program for the meeting are necessary.

It is the hope of the Council, I understand, that as a result of this survey, the Committee will be able to help the Council in suggesting fields of research in international relations in which further work should be done, as well as indicating the studies under way and the institutions of different sorts which are carrying on work in international relations.

It is sometimes difficult to decide just where the limitation of the field of international relations should be. Should it include all studies in foreign relations? For example, if a study of central banks were to be undertaken in England or France, should it be treated as foreign relations or economics, or should there be some consideration of the foreign relations side of the question in addition to the pure economics. Clearly the great central banks are drawing together informally and there is, therefore, a question as to whether the inter-relations of these can be disregarded by a student of foreign relations. On the other hand, an expert in banking or an economist would be needed in making such a study. The problem is to find out how far a person in our field should be associated with it since governmental action, direct or indirect, is almost certain to be involved. A study of agricultural development in the Far East has evident implications in international relations, but