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General Sir Arthur Currie,
 President and Vice-Chancellor,
 McGill University,
 Montreal, Quebec,
 Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Now that the Proceedings of the 1927 Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations are available in book form and presumably have been read and criticized by most of the members attending that conference, I should welcome from you an expression of opinion concerning method of treatment, content and presentation adopted in the report. Any criticisms or suggestions you may care to offer will be extremely valuable in considering plans for the recording of future conferences.

There are certain considerations determining the form of the 1927 report which I will briefly outline in this connection. The problem of holding a balance between a literal conference report and a book of reference with some permanent value was complicated by inadequate stenographic reporting and by the fact that as many as four round tables were discussing the same subject concurrently. It was further complicated by the necessity for anonymity as far as round table discussions were concerned, and in certain cases the assumption of historic and other facts not stated in the round tables which were necessary for a full understanding of the discussion.

The form in which the proceedings were finally published was modelled upon the Survey of International Affairs, which is produced in somewhat similar fashion from the discussions of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and the hope has been expressed that this and succeeding volumes may in the future take their place with that Survey and the Survey of American Foreign Policy to be issued by the Council on Foreign Relations as a standard work of reference in its field. In view of the rapid maturing of plans for the next conference to be held at Kyoto in November, 1929, I should greatly appreciate an early reply to this letter. For convenience I attach a list of questions which have already been raised, but I trust that you will feel free to forward your criticisms and suggestions in any form that seems best to you.

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Very sincerely yours,

J. Merle Davis,
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