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Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:

At the suggestion of Professor Chamberlain, Chairman of the Committee on International Relations of the Social Science Research Council, I am sending you, herewith, a confidential memorandum outlining a project for the establishment of an Institute of International Economics.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Twentieth Century Fund, I was authorized to explore the practicability of such an Institute both in this country and abroad. It would be most valuable in this connection to have the views of the Committee and also your personal opinion as to its feasibility and organization.

The Trustees are particularly anxious to obtain from the Social Science Research Council an idea of how the research activities of such an Institute might supplement or duplicate the work of existing agencies. It is not their desire to cover ground already being ploughed. They believe, however, that a field may exist which has not been touched; and, if so, they want to have it clearly defined.

Should a real need be found for an organization of this kind funds for its establishment will be available. This inquiry is in no sense an appeal for money nor will any approval of the project commit anyone to its financial support.

Yours sincerely,

Evans Clark

Evans Clark, Director
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Enclosure