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Dear Mr. Duckworth:-

With reference to your letter of March 31st and our conversation today regarding the matters therein mentioned, I would appreciate the Selection Committee meeting again and taking into consideration the aspect of the matter I endeavoured to present to you.

It seems to me that we should exercise particular care when about to send our first McGill team to debate in the universities of the old land. They will appear before cultured and critical audiences, and I think we should be sure that they will leave the best of impressions as far as McGill scholarship is concerned. I have spoken to Colonel Bovey and to yourself, but not to Mr. Hugessen. You and Colonel Bovey have admitted to me that the Committee did not ask itself the question whether the men selected to represent McGill would be likely to leave the impression which we feel the first representative team of McGill should leave.

I am greatly in favour of this interchange of debating teams and I think that McGill should return the visits which Old Country teams have so courteously made. I know that probably these young men have looked forward through the last debating season to winning a place on our team, but these should not be the only factors governing the choice. As I said in the beginning particular attention must be given to the probability that these debaters will leave upon the critical audiences they will meet an impression