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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I saw Dr. Armstrong last evening, and we talked over the radium institute matter at some length. He is very much interested in the subject, and we agree, of course, that it would be an admirable thing if the Government could be induced to give McGill a gram of radium, as proposed by Dr. Eve. We have little hope, however, that this can be arranged, and Dr. Armstrong agrees with me that the proposal which I outlined to you yesterday is much more likely to be acceptable to the Government. I have therefore drafted the enclosed memorandum, which I trust you will find clear and to the point.

Dr. Armstrong authorized me to say that he approves of the proposals set forth in the memorandum and that he will be glad to discuss them with you and anyone else whom you may name.

With reference to the question you raised yesterday as to the best way of introducing the matter to Mr. Taschereau, Dr. Armstrong suggests that you first lay it before Sir Vincent Meredith, Sir Lomer Gouin and Mr. Beatty, with a view to securing their support in your attack upon the Premier. Dr. Armstrong believes that Dr. Harwood, Dean of Medicine at the University of Montreal, will look favourably upon the proposal, but we both think it would be inadvisable to consult him before presenting the matter to the Premier in the way above suggested.

Yours very sincerely,

John Gossel Fortin
Chairman of Faculty.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have had an opportunity to discuss the whole matter with Dr. Macallum and have his authority to say that he approves of the above proposals, and that he thinks they offer the best way of attacking a very difficult situation.