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Dr. Gordon Laing,
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Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dean Laing:-

Let me, in the first place, thank you very much for all the trouble which you have taken in endeavouring to secure us a man from Chicago for our School for Social Workers. It is very pleasant to feel that we can still depend upon your interest in McGill.

After giving the matter full consideration I feel that we can not very well start off an assistant in this School at a salary of \$3,500. I am sure you quite understand how much would be involved and that there might very easily be difficulty in refusing like requests from other departments. I have, therefore, told Dr. Dawson to try and get directly in touch with the Social Service Departments of two or three different universities and endeavour to secure a younger man, possibly one just graduated and unmarried, who would be willing to come for a lower figure and grow up with the Department.

I am afraid that you will think we have put you to a great deal of trouble for nothing but I am sure that you will appreciate the situation and will forgive us. I do not know what the result of Dawson's inquiries is likely to be, but I feel that it should be possible to obtain the sort of young