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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.  
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Dear Sir Arthur:

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Dr. Conklin protesting against his connection with the work of Dr. Thompson and of other graduate students, past and present, being ignored. This letter was received the day it was written and I have deferred forwarding it until I had an opportunity to see Professor Gray and Dr. Thompson.

It appears to be quite true that the researches pursued by Messrs. Pugsley, Thompson, Forbes and Duckworth have been based on suggestions of Dr. Conklin and have a close connection with his study of contagious abortion of cattle. I have made no inquiry regarding the other students referred to.

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Dr. Thompson tells me that when he undertook his work for the degree of Ph.D., Professor Gray suggested that he undertake a dairy project. After consulting Dr. Conklin and others, Mr. Thompson decided to undertake a study of organisms involved in the disease of contagious abortion and states that his original application form bore the name of Dr. Conklin as director of his research. Professor Gray thinks that this must have been altered by the Executive of the Graduate Faculty. Dr. Conklin was absent when Mr. Thompson handed in his thesis and presumably the reason the thesis was not submitted to Dr. Conklin was that his name no longer appeared as director of research. Before his oral examination, Mr. Thompson interviewed Dean Eve and suggested that Dr. Conklin should be called to the examination. He understood that this would be done and thinks that it must have been due to an oversight that no notification of the examination was sent to Dr. Conklin.

Dr. Thompson informs me that he received assistance not only from Dr. Conklin but from Professor Murray and Professor Gray and says he is not in a position to decide who did most for him. In continuing the work, he believes that the co-operation of Dr. Conklin is practically essential, as he alone has the information as to the affected herds. Presumably as Dr. Thompson