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

Dear Sir Arthur,-

Mr.Hankin is in my office at the moment and John Nelson is pressing us to get your advice as to the composition of the Montreal Group for the Kyoto Conference.

You doubtless are aware that Mr.Rowell will be this year's Canadian Chairman. Prof.Wallace and some one representing the Bankers' Association also go from Toronto, while Principal MacKay and E.J.Tarr, K.C., go from Winnipeg; Ottawa, Vancouver and I think Regina will also be represented.

Thus far Prof. Best, Nelson and myself are booked from Montreal, but we will really count on Mr.Hankin being with us also.

Now what do you think about a McGill representative - a matter which we must leave entirely in your hands? Of course men like Corbett or Waugh would be ideal.

By the by, Nelson tells me that Mr.Gest might consider it a compliment to be asked.

I do not know him, but you will know of his interest in the Orient by his contribution to the McGill Library, and you will also know whether it would be wise to ask him, besides which an invitation coming from you yourself would be appreciated, if you think well of it.

Nelson adds that the matter should really be decided almost at once as it is necessary to complete the bookings.

Yours faithfully.

WMB:M.