

representation on the Administrative Committee had only to deal with the allocation of space and the administration of the building.

(2) My second objection arises from the further elaboration shown on Mr. Hovey's latest chart as compared with the one which we discussed and which together we approved. You will note that the research in which we are to indulge is designated by him "basic scientific research", and that the research under the Administrative Committee is "industrial research - fundamental or semi-fundamental". What is the difference between "basic scientific research" and fundamental research? Mr. Hovey and I agreed, or I thought we had agreed, that the University's co-operation would be in the matter of fundamental research. If I agreed to this chart it would mean I would have nothing to say or to complain of if the University were completely ignored in all research done in that building. This is not "co-operation" as I understand the word.

In your letter, Mr. Beck, you say that these formalities are necessary in order to convince the authorities at Ottawa that a workable plan has been agreed to, as otherwise they will not proceed with the equipment. There is a nigger in the woodpile some where. The Hon. Charles Stewart has himself told me that it was the intention of the Government to leave matters of fundamental research to the University and that he did not intend and was not in favour of duplicating a research organization. I have also been in touch with President Tory of the University of Alberta, who is likely to be the head of the new Research Laboratories at Ottawa. He has told me that in his opinion, an opinion he has given to the Hon. Mr. Stewart, it would be a mistake and a waste of money and resources for the Government to attempt to do fundamental research