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should be kept on the problems which they are fitted to solve. I do hope that no further conflict is to take place over these matters.

It is unfortunate that Dr. Hibbert is a rather difficult man and probably should keep away from the parts of the laboratory devoted to practical work, but he is a very able man without question, without a peer in Canada for the work he is doing, and such men are always difficult. This is one of the things which a University President soon learns to be patient with because of the quality of the man."

It has always been my view that we should encourage fundamental research to the limit and in the future development of the National Research Laboratories the only limit that I would personally put on the development of research in the universities would be that the problems must arise naturally from the work of the university staff and that we should do as heretofore, provide money for equipment and assistance.

I hope you will not mind my saying that I repeat a judgment which I have given you on various occasions, viz., that if the universities tie themselves up with industrial organizations they will be making a fundamental error.

I am sorry for the delay in answering this letter but I have been away from home and have not been very well, so having written to Stewart I thought there was nothing further I could do. I am going to write you a letter in a day or two covering the whole situation as I understand there is some feeling at McGill with regard to the development