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Dr. George Gibson,
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Edinburgh, Scotland.

My dear Gibby:-

I am about to entrust to you a confidential mission for which you will receive no monetary reward.

There is in Edinburgh a Dr. Charles McWeil, who has a ward in the Children's Hospital and who is on the University staff as a teacher. Meakins recommended him to the Montreal General Hospital as one fit to take the headship of the Department of Pediatrics, which would carry with it the headship of that Department on the University staff.

I saw McWeil in London last year and also when he crossed to Canada on the Empress of Britain, by which I returned last summer. He came to look over the field here and impressed many of our fellows very favourably and others not quite so well. He offered to be a candidate for the position, but attached thereto certain financial considerations which, at that time, made it impossible for us to go any further with him.

I would like you to find out just how well he is regarded by the best teachers in Edinburgh and also to find out, and this particularly, whether the University of Edinburgh would give him the Senior teaching position in Pediatrics in their Medical School. I believe that such a position is something that McWeil claims he can look forward to with confidence. Tell me also what you can find out about his qualities as a man. It is an important position to fill and we must be certain that we have the right man before making a final decision. In discussing it please do not indicate that you are doing so for