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(Private)

Ottawa, February 15, 1906.

Dear Biggar:

I have just received your letter of the 26th ult., in reference to the secretaryship of the High Commissioner's Office in London. Personally, there is no one whom I would be more pleased to see in that position than yourself. Unless, however, you were prepared to give up your work in connection with the Archives and accept the position permanently, I doubt very much if the Government would make a temporary appointment. If you were prepared to take up the Secretaryship as a life work, it might be worth your while putting in an application for the position, in the event of your deciding to do which, I would suggest your communicating direct with Sir William Laurier himself. You could point out the needs of the office, and your purpose in applying, and could mention the names of those who knew you, and would speak well of your abilities.

At the moment I cannot think of anyone whom I would like to suggest for this position. As you have raised the point, however, I will keep it in mind, and in the event of a ^{suitable name} ~~candidate~~ suggesting itself, will communicate with you again.

I had the pleasure of seeing your brother, the Grand Trunk solicitor, on Monday, and had a very pleasant talk with him.

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