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7th October 1927.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I had an hour's heart-to-heart talk with Wilbur at San Francisco after making the enclosed speech at the Chamber of Commerce, and I think I had better tell you what I said to him.

I pointed out that he would inevitably be judged so far as the Pacific Institute was concerned by the man who came round to represent it from the various countries interested. I explained my own difficulty in recommending my Council to ratify the constitution until the responsibility of administering the Institute was placed upon the shoulders of a man who commanded their confidence. In tackling this very difficult question, I urged him to get into close touch with you and said quite definitely that I thought my Council in deciding what to do would mainly depend upon whether you were satisfied that the man selected for the post of general secretary had the necessary capacity for the job.

I think I had better also enclose a speech which I made at the Honolulu Club just before I left because it also bears on the subject.

I had a gorgeous time with Mason and Bill in the woods. I hope you all thoroughly enjoyed your holiday after the Conference was over.

Yours sincerely,

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