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Dear Dr. Douglas,-

In acknowledging your letter of the 23rd, I wish to tell you just how much I appreciate the interest you have taken in Bruce's affairs and your sound advice.

The Statutory Provisions clearly make it impossible for him to enter this Fall but I feel, as you do, that he should get his B.A. at U.N.B. and go to you fully prepared and without any ifs and ands. I know he is disappointed and, as an optimist, I am trying to get him to see the situation in the same light. I believe that Bruce respects my advice and we have always worked in the closest co-operation, at least up to his graduation in Andover. After all Col. Bovey gave me as the opinion of himself and his confreres that no boy graduating before he was 27 or 28 in Medicine was really competent to practise, and as Bruce comes in this category I feel that really there is nothing to worry about.

Now my advice to him yesterday before your letter arrived was to go back and complete his course at U.N.B. and fortunately he left the situation there so he could do this, that is, he kept his place in the Beaverbrook Residence and left the impression that he might be back. He told me he was not sure just how the degree would work out as he would have to, he felt, get credit for a couple of subjects he had passed in McGill. I told him I was sure this could all be arranged, and my job today, as I see it, before another week goes by is to have his course distinctly charted, that is for Dr. Jones at U.N.B., and McGill to work in co-operation in this case so that he will know speedily he is actually going to get his degree providing he does good work during the coming year. This, I feel, will clear up all his worries and allow him to spend a restful summer as far as his mind is concerned. I am writing a letter to Dr. Jones to-day, copy of which I shall enclose to you so that we may all know just what is being done and arrive at the much desired results.

I trust I am not placing too great a load,