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General Sir Arthur Currie, Principal,
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Canada.

Dear General:

During the last summer, I had the pleasure of being invited to the Congress of the Universities of the British Empire in Edinburgh and also of hearing a very interesting lecture given by Lord Irwin in London, on the entire subject of the present situation in India. I had some correspondence with Lord Irwin from the Continent and have come to form a very high estimate of his statesmanship.

I hear that Lord Irwin is invited by the University of Toronto to lecture under the new Massie Foundation next month, and it is quite likely that you would have him lecture at McGill University before he returns home.

My object in writing this letter to you is to suggest that the question of establishing, at McGill University, a Chair in the history and culture of India may be taken up with Lord Irwin, with a view to his cooperation in raising funds for this purpose from some of the leading princes of India.

I am planning to sail for England about the middle of June from Quebec, with a view to discuss this matter with Lord Reading. I am convinced that between Lord Irwin and Lord Reading the question of getting some of the leading princes in India interested in supporting the Chair on Indian History, can be satisfactorily solved. Under present financial conditions, I realize that no funds can be raised in Canada for this purpose; but there is no reason why the establishment of such a Chair at McGill should not be regarded by the princes of India as a symbol of cooperation between India and Canada, and as such, worthy of their hearty support.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

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