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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Referring to our correspondence of December, I have received a brief reply from Sir William Price through his private secretary. Sir William had hoped to reply personally but pressure of work had prevented going into the matter carefully before leaving for England.

Now that the subject has been opened perhaps you will find some way of attracting Sir William's further attention. Undoubtedly he is in sympathy with forest products research but is too busy just now to study the soundness of the present proposal.

From the newspaper reports I understand that the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has granted financial aid to the Forest Products Laboratories in line with our Research Committee's recommendation. This should be an added reason for planning a new building and at the proper time the proposal might be brought to the attention of various men who might influence the result. After being connected with this research movement for ten years I really believe we have hit upon the right basis for permanent co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,

*John S. Bates*

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