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Personal

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I regret exceedingly that I missed you on your visit to Ottawa. Your letter was forwarded to me here. I assume that during your visit to Ottawa you had the matter straightened out. Fearing that such might not be the case, I wrote to Mr. Stewart a personal letter as follows, which I will ask you to treat also as confidential:

"He states in his letter that the Department of Interior was planning to branch out into fundamental research in the various branches of pure chemistry in connection with the laboratories at Montreal and apparently under the direction of Mr. Cameron. Now, I hesitate to say a word about it but I cannot but feel that this is nothing if not Cory's effort to forestall in some measure the work of the projected National Laboratories. To my mind, to establish a fundamental research in these laboratories at Montreal in a building adjacent to the fine chemical laboratories of McGill University is not only a waste of money but nothing would be accomplished by it. The staff at present there are capable of doing the practical studies associated with the pulp and paper business, but pure research is beyond their capacity. In so far as McGill University is able to carry on pure research, they should be encouraged to do so but Cameron and his staff