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Dear Sir:

In view of the interest that you displayed in the subject matter of our recent interview and your statement that no one had previously presented the same point of view, it has occurred to me that it might not be amiss to place on record the main points that I attempted to make on that occasion. For the sake of brevity these are stated somewhat dogmatically, but there are on file memoranda covering them in considerable detail.

I. General

- a. During the past twenty-five years there has taken place a notable shift in emphasis, amounting almost to a revolution, with respect to teaching and research in agriculture. This change has not been reflected in the appropriation policy at Macdonald College, which, with only minor adjustments, has remained static.
- b. The present traditional practice of making appropriations is not only grossly unfair to certain departments, but it renders impossible the symmetrical development of institutional work.
- c. The modern trend is towards a pooling of resources for the solving of definite problems, most of which transcend the interests of a single department. Such a method is particularly necessary at a small institution with limited resources, in order to make full use of the funds, equipment and personnel available.
- d. The classification of departments into "inside" and "outside" is archaic. The so-called "inside" departments need land, animals, crops and labour to exactly the same extent as do the so-called "outside" departments.
- e. The main problems of poultry and animal husbandry, or agronomy and horticulture are in very many cases quite outside the field of those departments as now organized. Problems of parasites and diseases, for example, may be of vastly greater importance than the production problems with which those departments are pre-occupied.