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701 Transportation Building,
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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal of McGill University,
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Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur, RE FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORIES:

On the 9th of August last I wrote you in connection with this matter. I also wrote to the Honourable Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior. He at that time was out of town on a visit to the West.

He has now written me under date the 29th of August last giving various reasons as to why he thinks it would be better to move the laboratories to Ottawa. He did say however in his letter that after considering the whole matter he came to the conclusion that if McGill was prepared to assure him that a suitable building would be provided, rent free, he was willing to submit for consideration that action towards removal be deferred for the time being. Apparently McGill cannot furnish the building required.

I have written again to Mr. Stewart saying that while I am not convinced that his reasons are conclusive to the extent that the laboratories would be better in Ottawa than McGill, because in my opinion they would be better at McGill, nevertheless I presume that great weight requires to be given to his various reasons.