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Dear John:

I have your letter of August 6th with reference to matters relating to the Kyoto Convention.

I had already read Dr. Laufer's paper on the Gest Chinese Research Library at McGill. I can quite understand Carter's saying it was not quite the kind of contribution the American Council expected from Dr. Laufer and also his reluctance in putting it forward as a contribution from the American Council. I believe it is worth publishing and might well form one of your data papers. I am returning it herewith.

Let me now answer your (C). I spoke to Mr. Gest about going to Kyoto. The suggestion pleased him very much and it is possible he may go, but I think it is equally likely that he will find it impossible. He told me to put his name down tentatively with his definite decision to be communicated to me later. I pointed out the urgency of early reservations, and there the matter stands as far as he is concerned.

Regarding McGill representation, I am sorry I cannot agree to Corbett's going. He is Dean of the Faculty of Law and is responsible for the Roman Law course, which is the foundation of all law. Were the convention held in the Spring it would be a different matter, but as it comes right at the beginning of the term it would not be fair to the law students to take Corbett away, and I think that the same thing can be said of Waugh, so that most likely McGill will be unrepresented.

Regarding your (B), certainly we in Montreal must look after the British party when they are here. I have this morning from your Secretary a list of the British Delegation, but that list does not include the name of Lionel Curtis, nor his wife. I wrote Curtis a day or so ago asking him to stay with me when in Montreal and I shall send another note this morning including his wife in the invitation. Curtis said nothing to me when I last saw him or his wife accompanying him to Japan.