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Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 2nd, in which you request me to bring the influence of McGill University in support of a proposal to obtain the Nobel Prize for Dr. F.C. Banting of the University of Toronto for his discovery of the active principle of the pancreas, known as "Insulin", which is now used in the treatment of Diabetes.

Regarding the importance of the discovery of this principle by Dr. Banting and his collaborators there cannot be any question. This step in the treatment of Diabetes may yield results of vastly greater importance than are now dreamt of, especially if it leads to a knowledge of the chemical constitution of Insulin and ultimately to the preparation of it synthetically in the laboratory.

It is, however, certain that, apart from what may be required to obtain the ultimate results referred to, much research has still to be carried on in order to render possible the full utilization of Insulin in the treatment of Diabetes. For this research time and the labours of a large number of investigators will be necessary, and their findings will enable all who are interested in this work to reach a definite, universally accepted decision as to the value of the discovery.