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General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Principal, McGill University, Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In view of your speech at Ottawa yesterday you will be interested in the enclosed editorial which appeared in yesterday afternoon's Spectator. I believe it is going to be a very hard job to secure national government at the present time owing to the difficulty of persuading politicians and party organizers to subordinate their personal and party interests to those of the country as a whole. Politicians and their camp-followers simply will not forgo either the anticipation or the realization of the power and perquisites of office until they are compelled to by an aroused and irate public.

I have been in Ottawa several times during the past month and with the necessity of a national government in mind have sounded out politicians and others of both parties. My observation has been that regardless of party those not in politics are in favor of it, but the politicians, particularly the Liberals, seem to be against it.

May I congratulate you upon your speech. It is very timely and very much to the point. Could I persuade you to come to Hamilton to make a similar speech some time in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

F. I. K E R.

P. S. I also enclose follow-up editorial which we carried in today's paper quoting your speech in Ottawa.