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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., Principal, McGill University.

My dear Principal,

Colbert Searles dated January 25th which you handed to me recently, and I now wish to say I consulted both Professor Walter and Professor du Roure about the proposals in this letter. Dr. Walter replied that whilst the plan suggested by the Modern Language Association might not be of any immediate use to his department, he thought the plan was a good one and that McGill should subscribe since the University of Toronto had done so. Professor duRoure replied in writing as follows:-

"I have consulted the members of my Department and I feel that the organisation mentioned in the enclosed letter might be useful in certain cases, but it is certainly not indispensable, and with the financial position of McGill what it is I think that we can easily forego such an expenditure."

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Personally, I think that the plan suggested is an excellent one and serves to show how wide awake our neighbours to the south of us really are in such matters. I am not interested in modern languages, but if I could find a similar library in the ancient languages I know of at least two originals which I should like very much to have in my possession for a period of three or six months at present. I really think, therefore, that we should subscribe to