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My dear Dean Martin,

I am enclosing herewith the correspondence forwarded to Dr Tory, and wish to remind you that the underlying idea in forwarding the first communication to him was to prevent, as far as possible, all overlapping and duplication between research work which can be carried out at the Universities and that to be carried out by the Government.

In particular you will recall we had in mind a recent piece of research work carried out on "Low temperature calcination of Magnesium Limestone". This problem, according to information supplied me by Mr E. Parke Cameron, Director of the Pulp and Paper Division, Forest Products Laboratory, originated in their laboratories, but could not be brought to a conclusion since it necessitated co-operative work with the Department of Mines on low temperature calcination.

The latter work has now been brought to a successful conclusion, apparently, since in recent literature a reference is made to the success of the process for the manufacture of sulfite liquor used in making sulfite pulp. We also note that application has been made for patents on the process and assignment has been made to the National Research Council.

Mr Cameron has, apparently, not been kept in touch with these developments, the work having been carried out by a Mr Stewart at the Bureau of Mines in Ottawa under the auspices of the Research Council.

I quote this as just one instance in which a matter of vital interest to the Forest Products Laboratory, to the Pulp and Paper Association especially, and to McGill University, has been kept from these authorities, and apparently no attempt made to keep them in touch with the progress of the work.

I would very much like to have Dr Tory's view on this as a typical instance of difficulties likely to be caused unless the most thorough-going co-operation is effected as between the Research Council's activities, the different Government laboratories and the Universities.

Assuming the patents possess considerable value to the Pulp and Paper industry, they would naturally be very much interested in

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