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Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir Currie:

At its summer conference in 1930 the Council voted to make the field of international relations one of its major fields of interest and directed the Committee on Problems and Policy to work out a plan of organization suitable for carrying out this purpose. During the winter the new set-up was arranged under the name of the Committee on International Relations, with James T. Shotwell not as Chairman of the Committee but as Director, a salaried member of the Council's staff. A Committee has been formed not consisting of academic research men but of men like Newton D. Baker and Owen D. Young, and it is expected that committees of experts will be set up to canvass the possibilities of research in different directions with the assistance of the Director. One such committee, formerly called the Subcommittee on International Business Organization, has been continued and placed under the new general committee, but the old Advisory Committee on International Relations, which has played its part so nobly since 1926 in planning research in this field for the Council, seems not to be required in exactly that form in the new set-up. Consequently, the Committee on Problems and Policy has formally discharged this advisory committee of which you have been a member since the beginning. The Committee was discharged with much appreciation of its labors and with the hope that the members will continue their interest in the Council, as also with the expectation that they will sooner or later hear from us in connection with the development of our plans.

Very truly yours,

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Robert S. Woodworth