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January 9, 1968.

Lord Bertrand Russell,
Plas Penrhyn,
Penrhyndeudraeth,
Merionethshire, Wales.

Dear Lord Russell:

One of the universities of Canada would be a most fitting and proper place for your archives: I have been doing all that I can to bring them here to McMaster. Recently, the other universities of Ontario petitioned the Canada Council to make funds available for their purchase and designated this University as the depository, should we win the day. The quality and the strength of these papers, reflecting you so brilliantly, are on my mind all these days, and during the Christmas vacation, at the request of the Canada Council, I journeyed to London to see them, accompanied by Professor C. B. MacPherson of Toronto, who is this year a Fellow of Churchill College. Both of us came away from that inspection enthralled by the extent and reality of the papers that exist.

They are in daily hazard of fire, depredation and abuse in the office of Continuum Ltd. where they are housed. I concerns us greatly that they find a home here in Canada where they will receive respect, action and proper housing that are due to this finest archive.

With a firm offer in my hand, I bow to you, sir, as a great master of the human mind, and most earnestly request your help in bringing this quest of mine and yours securely to a place here in Canada. While it is too far, perhaps, for me to call and visit you, my friend MacPherson at Cambridge, who shares with me the respect and affection for you that you have earned so long and so well, will be honoured to call on you at any time to discuss this matter further if you will let me know a time that you will find convenient. Would that I were able to come and see you. It is something I have always desired.

Sincerely,

William Ready

William Ready,
University Librarian,
Professor of Bibliography.

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- c: Mr. Cyrus S. Eaton ✓
- Dr. E. T. Salmon
- Dr. H. G. Thode

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RUSSELL, BERTRAND

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January 2, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

x7. (Mr. Eaton telephoned Dr. H. G. Thode, President of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, this morning.

In response to Dr. Thode's letter of December 22, 1967, attached, Mr. Eaton told Dr. Thode that he would provide \$25,000 to McMaster toward the funds being raised for the purchase of the Bertrand Russell papers.

Dr. Thode explained that Professor Ready, McMaster's librarian, was still in London, but that they had heard nothing from him as yet. Dr. Thode promised to keep Mr. Eaton informed of the progress made on the acquisition of the papers.

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Russell, Lord Russell

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See: McMaster Lib.

January 12, 1968

Dear Professor Ready:

Many thanks for the copy of your excellent letter to Bertrand Russell. Please keep me informed on your progress.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor William Ready
University Librarian
McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

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