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There is one thing that I know you will be pleased with. It was decided, after consultation with the Continuing Pugwash Committee, to suggest to a group of outstanding Canadians that they lend their names to this undertaking as sponsors. Of the fairly large group invited, only four were unable to comply, three of them for urgent personal reasons. Only one took exception to the purpose of the meeting. This I consider a tremendous tribute to the aims of this Conference. It not only shows the profound interest of outstanding people of Canada, but also would, I think, be typical of the world's attitude toward the grave problems you are to consider.

We want you to make yourselves completely at home while you are here. Please feel completely free to suggest any changes in diet or accommodation or anything else that might add to your comfort and enjoyment. It is easy for us to comply, and we want you to be utterly frank with us.

Speaking of frankness, I hope that all who are here will feel free to be completely frank in expressing their own points of view on any subject that is under discussion. Your talks here will be entirely private. Not only can you express your deepest convictions here with safety, but if you want to go further and speculate a little, you can do so without being accused of having adopted what you tentatively suggest as final conclusions.

grateful I am fascinated with the purpose of this Conference, ~~and~~ I am delighted that you should have come these ^{long} ~~great~~ distances, I cannot tell you how *equally* I look forward to the results of your deliberations together.

This new meeting looms even more important than the one in New Wash,
because the dangers appear ~~more~~ more imminent than they were then.
Certainly the world is watching with deep interest what you may think and
suggest here. Hopefully the intelligence that produced the miracle of
nuclear science may well also arrive at helpful solutions in the realm of
politics. If the spirit of compromise can prevail here, then the world will
strive to profit by your example.

With Lord Russell, I am more than gratified that you busy men, with
so many urgent things to do and think about, could take the time to come the
distance it has meant for all of you, to give earnest attention to the crucial
problems you will consider.

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