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Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Thank you so much for your letter of 4th September. I look forward with much interest to seeing you again on your return to Montreal. There are some items which will be returned to you at that time.

I know you will be interested to know that we have exposed the George Mercer Dawson Papers which you presented to us on four 100 ft. reels of 35 mm. microfilm as a security measure. We are currently doing the same thing for the GMD Collection which was kept in the Rare Books and Special Collections Division of McLennan Library, this with the cooperation of Mrs. E. Lewis, the Librarian and of Mr. Grove. I expect to discuss again with the Dominion Archivist, Dr. Wilfred I. Smith, the filming of GMD materials now in the Public Archives within the next few weeks. This will be done probably during a plane flight to San Francisco the week of 11th October where we are both participating on the program of the Society of American Archivists during that week.

Yesterday we accessioned something else which will, I am sure be of interest to you. I've been having conversations with Dr. Lewis, the new Head of Redpath Museum about the ultimate transfer of a body of Sir William's incoming letters, without much success so far, but in the process, we came up with a wooden case of "Lecture Diagrams etc. J.W.Dawson". These are very largely large sheets of unbleached muslin, some as large as a bed sheet on which has been painted in oil, (for the most part) such things as rain forests, skeletons of prehistoric animals, simplified maps of various regions including the Nile and the Holy Land. We haven't had time to examine or list the contents of the box as yet, but here we have the teaching and lecture aids Sir William used over the years before the magic lantern and glass slides came into general use.

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Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge

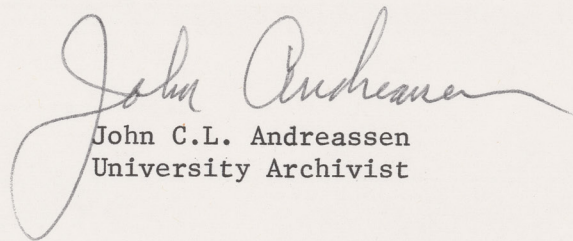
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Do have a happy time at the wedding and enjoy the color that makes Fall such a pleasant period.

Cordially yours,



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