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(To Hon. Robert Bacon, London)

(Telegram)

(Dated Oxford, May 25, 1915.)

HON. ROBERT BACON CLARIDGES HOTEL LOND

NOT ABLE TO CATCH YOU TELEPHONE HAVE WIRED KEOGH SUBSTANCE OF LETTER  
RECEIVED FROM BUTLER TODAY LETTERS BUTLER LOWELL FORWARDED EXPRESS TO YOU  
THIS MORNING SEND ON KEOGH

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(To Pres. Lowell from Director-General)

(War Office, London)

PRESIDENT HARVARD UNIVERSITY CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

WITH REFERENCE TO GENEROUS OFFER OF YOUR MEDICAL SCHOOL TO PROVIDE A HOSPITAL FOR SERVICE IN ENGLAND OR WITH THE BRITISH ARMY ABROAD FOLLOWING ARE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STAFFING -

32 MEDICAL MEN INCLUDING THREE FIRST CLASS OPERATING SURGEONS, ONE CONSULTING PHYSICIAN, CLINICAL PATHOLOGIST, RADIOGRAPHER, OPHTHALMIC SURGEON AND NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST. 75 FULLY TRAINED NURSES. IF YOU AGREE WE PROPOSE PROVIDING A SENIOR OFFICER OF ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE AS ADMINISTRATOR ALSO 2 QUARTERMASTERS. WE SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE SUBORDINATE MALE STAFF. ALL EQUIPMENT SURGICAL MATERIAL ETC WILL BE PROVIDED BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT. PERHAPS SURGEONS WOULD LIKE TO BRING THEIR OWN INSTRUMENTS OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE PROVIDED. PAY OF ALL MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF WILL BE AT BRITISH ARMY RATES. 2 MEDICAL STAFF PAID AS LIEUTENANT-COLONELS, 6 AS MAJORS, 24 JUNIOR RANKS AT 24 SHILLINGS A DAY. NURSING STAFF ONE MATRON 26 SISTERS 48 STAFF NURSES. FREE TRANSPORTATION. TOTAL ACCOMMODATION OF EACH HOSPITAL 1040 BEDS. CABLE OF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE AND DATE OF STAFF LEAVING FOR ENGLAND. SUGGEST END OF JULY FOR ARRIVAL HERE.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.