



**MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL**

*Portrait of B.J.H. and  
invitation to see Archives and  
have lunch -*

6 May 1970

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

In my note to you of 9 April I indicated I would follow up on the location of the B.J.Harrington oil portrait, and write you when my research had been completed.

In the half-blizzard this noon, I finally got over to the third floor of the Otto Maass Chemistry Building and had a look. The portrait hangs in the Faculty Lounge, a large room where members of the Chemistry Faculty meet informally and formally. It is, to my mind, probably one of the most attractively decorated and comfortable rooms on campus. The portrait is well hung, and protected from radiation of ultra-violet rays. There are undoubtedly more public places in which such a portrait could be hung, but there are few places which emphasize to the scholarly faculty in the Department and kindred disciplines, the role of your father in the development of McGill.

There is a second thing I'd like to mention. For quite obvious reasons, I've held back on any publicity concerning the important holdings and recent accessions to the University Archives. Recently, I mapped out a program for exhibiting recent accessions in the showcase in the lobby of the Administration Building which you will think of as the Biology Building. During the month of May we are exhibiting in that case items from three recently received collections. 1) photographs of Anna Lois Harrington, nee Dawson as a young woman and Dr. B.J.Harrington as a young man; 2) the appointment of Abraham de Sola as first Professor of Hebraic and Oriental Literature; and 3) the 1863 Valedictory address of Dr. Horatio Charles Burritt, M.D. 1863.

I would so much like to have you see the University Archives, the current exhibit, and the manner and place in which your father's portrait is hung. May I suggest that on a day convenient to you, I pick you up in the car, say 14 May about 11 o'clock and bring you down here to the campus and that

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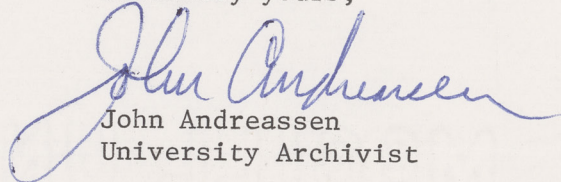
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we have lunch before I return you to your home? Do give me a ring if another day would be more convenient to you.

Sincerely yours,



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