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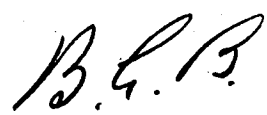
MEMORANDUM:-

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Dr. G. Herzberg

You may have learned of a newspaper account in which Dr. Solandt, Chairman of the Science Council, was reported to have said that the effort of the Pure Science Divisions of NRC should be reduced. I was not present at the time the statement was made, but some people from NRC were, and you may be interested in Mr. Park's memorandum, a copy of which I am sending you.

In case there is any concern on the part of members of your staff regarding the newspaper report, I hope that Mr. Park's statement will allay their fears.



B. G. Ballard

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MEMORANDUM:-

TO Dr. B.G. Ballard
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*Dr. Ross - return
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In view of the article in the Ottawa Journal January 18th, wherein Dr. Solandt was reported to have predicted a slowdown in growth for NRC's Pure Science Divisions, I thought you might be interested in my comments since I was present when Dr. Solandt spoke.

Dr. Solandt was stressing the need for increased productivity in Canadian Industry if we are to continue to grow, expand, develop and at the same time increase our standard of living. He said there were few industries in Canada where productivity could not be increased significantly by the application of proper scientific methods. Dr. Solandt referred to the government research laboratories, and he named NRC, M.&T.S., Agriculture and others, as areas of excellence with worldwide reputations for good work in their fields. He said that more attention must be paid however to stimulating the application of the scientific method in industry to increase productivity and that this should result in a greater growth rate for industrial and applied research relative to pure research.

Dr. Solandt did not criticize any NRC department or programme, but he did say that Canada should spend a greater proportion of its research dollar to increase the productivity of Canadian Industry.

I am afraid that the newspaper, in its desire to attract the reader, has been misleading in the report of Dr. Solandt's address to the R.A.S.C. on January 17th, 1967. There were many NRC people present on that evening and, to my knowledge, none were unhappy over Dr. Solandt's remarks. Dr. Millman formally thanked Dr. Solandt and certainly his remarks concerning Dr. Solandt's talk were highly commendatory.

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