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September 13, 1918.

The Reverend Paul Lindsay,
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My dear Father Lindsay:

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I beg to acknowledge your kind letter of August 29 and to assure you that we shall be very glad to have copies of Le Canada Francais in exchange for the Catholic Historical Review.

I have several times been on the point of writing you a long letter about the Review, and I am purposely sending you this letter from the National Catholic War Council office to show you how fast work piles up on the young men connected with the University. I want to enlist your interest and cooperation for the Review and to ask you whether it would not be possible to send me an article on some subject connected with Canada for the January number. Recently Dr. O'Hagan sent me an article on Bishop Macdonnell. If you will permit me to say to you in confidence this is not the kind of work the Review wants. Literary articles have a wide enough field to play in. The Review wants articles drawn from first hand information, articles which in themselves, 25 or 50 years from now, will be source material for the workers.

I do not pretend to suggest to you any certain subject, but I should like very much to have an article giving our readers a clear and concise statement of the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Quebec from 1657 down to Carroll's time. A great many letters on this subject have been published in the researches of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia, and there is one article on the question in the memorial volume of Bishop Laval. Our writers are very hazy in their appreciation of what Quebec did for the Church in the United States. Very seldom does one come across any word of acknowledgment of what might be called the border ministration of the Bishops.

I should consider it a very great boon for the Catholic Historical Review to have you numbered among our contributors, and more than once I have contemplated a visit to Quebec to ask you personally for this cooperation.

I have heard so much about you since I came to the University from Bishop Shahan and from the Carnegie Institution folks, that I feel sure of your interest in our work before hand.

Will you kindly write to me at your earliest convenience and let me know whether I can depend upon you for our next number. I am,

Very sincerely yours in Xto.,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Guilesey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".