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Dr. Robinson:- Dr. Harrison would like you to check this draft please. M.A.

Ottawa, March 20, 1961.

Dr. L.S. Russell,  
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Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Russell:-

A few days ago Colonel Taylor indicated that you were now able to offer him the position of defacto Curator of Minerals in the Museum and that you were now prepared to go ahead with the collection of suitable display minerals and preparations to put them on display. I am pleased to hear that the situation has firmed up. I will be glad to support any request that you may make for a new position as Curator of Minerals of the National Museum. We will, of course, be glad to assist in any way we can and will allocate display specimens from our collection to the National Museum on bontinuing loan.

I should like to point out that, for the first time in many years, we now have someone whose job it is to look after our working collection and that we also have the facilities to do so properly. Our specimens are now all catalogued and I suggest that the minerals that you obtain, plus those of the Geological Survey, all be considered as part of the National collection with a single cataloguing medium. Numbers assigned to the minerals can designate whether they are under the care of the Museum or the Survey.

Now that we have considerable equipment for positive identification and study of minerals, we will be glad to make it available to the Museum on the same terms that our own people get similar services and research assistance.

Yours very truly,

J.M. Harrison,  
Director.