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Magee University College,
Derry,
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Dear Mr. King,

Many thanks for your letter.

I hope to send you full information fairly soon.

The position here is quite serious. Derry has a large catholic population and it would seem to be for this reason that a small group of influential unionists are anxious to site the new University in Presbyterian Coleraine. Indeed two members of our own staff do not want, apparently, development in Derry because it would benefit the Catholics. One has the impression that there is being practised a sort of apartheid based on creed, rather than colour.

I understand that U.K. money is to be spent on the new University £20 m. It would be a pity to spend it in such a way that it would further the ends of a tiny, although influential, minority.

Upon this matter of the University Derry is united in a way that has not been known since James stood outside the walls. The establishment of a full university here might well transform Anglo-Irish relations.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) DENNIS COLES.