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Mons. Emile Cartailhac,
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My dear Mons. Cartailhac:-

I have since my visit to Les Eyzies last fall some times wondered if, a few years hence, when I come to the conclusion that I have practiced law long enough and want to retire, whether you and perhaps Monsieur Peyrony would look on me as persona grata if I should think of getting a little place in the neighborhood of Les Eyzies to spend some years there studying pré-histoire a little, and in a humble way helping investigate things. Of course, any such plan would be attractive only if I were going to be persona grata to you and to him.

I had wondered if by any chance whoever owns the little chateau of Laussel might like to sell it to someone who would really take an interest in it and might like, in a small way, to make some such use of it as Monsieur Peyrony has made of the chateau at Les Eyzies, as far as one could. I do not know who the owner is or what he would think the place, with some surrounding land, was worth, and it might

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be all a day dream, but I thought I would like to ask you if you, and perhaps Monsieur Peyrony, would welcome a stranger coming there who would be in full sympathy with your researches and would take a real interest in those matters and who would really mean to live there. If the idea were attractive to you I would be glad to know who the owner is of the little chateau of Lausell and whether he would be inclined to sell it.

I have taken the liberty of giving some very dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Noble F. Hoggson, a note of introduction to you, which, if they get down to Toulouse this summer, they will want to present. I am sure you would enjoy meeting them. Mr. Hoggson is a man with a very great interest in artistic old things and sees all the beauty of the old French work. I am sure he would enjoy more than any visitor the things you showed me that October afternoon in the City Museum. He and his wife are taking an interest too in the cave men and are planning to run up to Les Eyzies  have told them of the beautifully orderly way in which you have arranged your collections at the University and how wise it would be for them to go there and study for a day in that museum before going up to Les Eyzies, so that they would come to Les Eyzies with some comprehension of the interesting things they would see there.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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