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Dear Sir

A few days ago I heard from Mr Ramsay that you are at the head of an association having in view the topographical and archaeological investigation of Asia Minor, the favorite country of my own studies since more than forty years. It is therefore to you, I apply now my most serious and warmest wishes for the continuation of the very important and successful researches begun by Mr Ramsay four years ago. During the few days of his stay here I was occupied in examining his notebooks and parts of his elaborate studies on the ancient geography of that country, also the provisional sketch maps prepared already by himself, and was quite surprised by the fulness and exactness of new and trustworthy information and the important scientific results embodied in that work of the young but accomplished scholar. Now, when Mr R. himself after the experience of some years, has acquired also a closer judgment of the remaining deficiencies, he wishes to fill up, nobody indeed could be more qualified than himself, to conduct this work to a still higher state of perfection and completeness: it would prove a serious loss for science, could it not be done quite continuously. Therefore I venture a solicitation to you

own interest in the matter, that you may use all the influence you enjoy on the committee entrusted with this great scientific undertaking, in order that sufficient means might be afforded to Mr Ramsay for continuing at least during one year his most fruitful travels and researches.

On the very moment I am writing these lines a letter coming from England and destined for Mr Ramsay is delivered under my address by the post. As I do not know is momentary abode — for he only wrote me yesterday about his departure for England (especially Oxford) with the perspective of returning within a fortnight to Berlin — and as I presume you are better informed by himself, I take the liberty of enclosing hereby this letter and of praying you to forward it to him.

I have the honor of remaining with the greatest esteem

Dear Sir

Your very obedient servant  
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