

Rivals -

St. Botolph Club

Oct. 28/87

Dear Professor Gray.

I have yours of the 26. and shall promptly communicate its contents to Prof. Goode.

After conference with Prof. Baird I asked Mr. Rhees last May to prepare a confidential report to me of his views as to the Government of the Smithsonian Institution, on the basis of its present relations to the Museum, and especially with regard to its office administration.

I have been expecting for some time a private letter, but I receive from him today, some copies of the enclosed printed document, in which he enters somewhat at length into the question of the propriety of its entertaining relations to the Museum. I had

hardly expected so much on this
subject, which seems to be rather
a matter for the consideration
of the Regents in shaping the
General Policy of the Institution,
than regarding those modifications
of its administration, with reference
to the changes ~~in~~ ^{that}, brought about
by the appointment of two Asst.
Secretaries, on which I meant to consult ~~them~~.

The report however contains
much that is valuable in other
respects, where Mr. Rees' experience
of internal matters, makes his
suggestions ~~valuable~~ and I
enclose you a copy. -

Very Sincerely Yours
S. P. Langley



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