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The Hon. Hugh Segal, OC. O.Ont  
Head, Massey College

Dear Hugh:

I have read your message of three days ago, sent to the Members of the Massey Community. Could you kindly give me the opportunity to respond to it and to communicate this letter to the recipients of your communication.

First, I am so sorry for what I said, in a poor effort at jocular humour at lunch last Tuesday. What I said was both foolish and, I understood immediately, hurtful, and I want, first and foremost, to convey my deepest regrets all whom I may have harmed. What I said was a bad joke in reference to your title of "Master," at the time. I should never have made such a remark, and I want to assure those who heard me, and those who have learned about it, that while I had no ill-intent whatsoever I can appreciate how those at the table and those who have learned about it could take offense at what I said.

Second, it is evident to me that, as discussion of these events continues, my continued presence at Massey might injure the reputation of the college and, it has even been suggested, be a matter of continuing offense. In consequence, and as an expression of loyalty to the college, I think the best thing that I can do is to resign my fellowship at Massey. I will leave my office here as soon as we can make appropriate arrangements.

Finally, I am very keen to communicate some appreciation. I have been a senior fellow at Massey College for some twenty years. Over this time the College has been an academic home for me, and I want to relay to the many people who have been part of the Massey family how much I have been honoured by my association with them, enjoyed their company, learned from them, and thereby enriched my life at the University of Toronto.

I also want to wish you and the Massey Community well and continued success as an academic community.

Yours sincerely,

Michael R. Marrus