

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Arthur W. McCurdy, February 8, 1902

1902, Feb. 8. Mr. Arthur W. McCurdy, Washington, D.C. Dear Mr. McCurdy: —

Your note of yesterday just received. There is an old saying, and I believe a true one “It is always darkest just before dawn”. The day Light is breaking now, and in a little while I am sure all will be well with you and your inventions.

Your new discovery appears to me to be of the greatest importance and significance, and to be the solution of all your difficulties.

If believe in your inventions — and I believe in you — and it therefore gives me real pleasure to be able to help you financially — which is all I can do to aid the important work in which you are engaged.

In accordance with your request I enclose check for two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

I hope you may be able to come to some satisfactory agreement with the Eastman Company, and wish you good luck.

Sincerely your friend Alexander Graham Bell