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Dear Sir Napier,

I am very happy to learn that the Committee of the Royal Society have reported in favour of Great Britain supporting the International Society for the Exploration of the Arctic Regions by means of the Airship, to the extent of the subscription asked for. The Committee appear, however, to have misunderstood our programme, as they do not think that the scheme outlined are at present practicable etc. I hope that the Committee have now received our programme of work, and then they will have seen that the schemes they mention are naturally schemes of the future, which one could only think of carrying out when more experience with the air-ships, especially in northern regions, have been gained. Our Society will certainly not contemplate any undertaking that may be more or less rash, that might be disastrous. The object is to do solid scientific work.

Perhaps it might be desirable that the above mentioned misunderstanding of the Committee is corrected, and that the Committee is informed that our Society does not, under any circumstances, contemplate to undertake any expedition which could not be based upon sufficient experience.

Believe me, dear Sir Napier, Yours very sincerely,

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