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Dr. Eric North,
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My dear Eric:

Your letter of February 10th is at hand. I am sorry that I have unwittingly caused Burgess and yourself any trouble with reference to the definition of "Social Science." I certainly had not realized that I shared with others any final powers in determining what this terminology meant. I certainly do not recall that I have accepted any such responsibility. I shall look over the certain "letters and statements from Mr. Burgess" with interest on my return. In the meantime be assured that I had no thought of going beyond any power that had been definitely assigned me.

Secondly. In regard to Mr. Barbour - I think also I have not made any statements that are not according to the rule. As I understand it we have no missionaries who are not under the regular quotas, Mr. Barbour, I believe, being under the London Missionary Society and of course I assumed he would have the medical attention that the London Missionary Society give their missionaries. I understood that when I talked with Mr. Barbour the discussion was whether he should go out under the Presbyterian or under the London Missionary Society. The decision was to go out under the London Missionary Society and I assumed he would have their medical care. I really do not recall that I made any statements like this to Mr. Barbour but it would have been quite natural for me to have done so if, as seems likely, he put the question to me. Again I do not see that I have done anything not according to rules and, if I have, we can talk it over when I return.

I enclose to you statement of the Berry sisters in regard to the library building. I had entertained some hope that they might raise it to $100,000. but they did not see their way clear to do so. Mr. Pendleton is quite an eminent lawyer and he drew up this paper. The last paragraph relative to their being consulted is regarded by them as being important. There are at least three possibilities: first having the central main building the library building for the construction of which the University will pay what is needed out of undesignated funds to complete the ~~cost~~ above $50,000. which they contribute.