April 20, 1931

Dear Mrs. Ludington:

The trustees spent more than half the time of the Annual Meeting discussing the very serious problem facing the University because of the great difficulty of meeting, under present circumstances, the conditions attaching to two offers made by the Rockefeller Foundation, each for $250,000 as partial endowment for the natural sciences. The time limit on the first of the two is June 30, 1932. Realizing the difficulty of raising an equal amount by that time to meet the conditions, the Board appointed a special promotional committee of thirteen members. Dr. Stuart hopes that you will accept appointment on that committee, because he knows that Mr. Ludington would be too much occupied with his business to serve, and, also, because he did not wish to entail any overstrain on Mr. Ludington's health.

Dr. Stuart will be in this part of the country only until about May 16th when he leaves for the Coast to sail for China. He is to speak at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa., on the evening of May 4th. Mrs. William Boyd is kindly looking into the possibility of a social affair to bring Dr. Stuart in touch with some of her friends during that visit to Philadelphia. I venture to inquire whether it might be possible for you to have a few friends in to meet Dr. Stuart on one of these days between May 3rd and 5th.

If you consider this possible, will you be kind enough to clear with Mrs. Boyd, in order that there may be no conflict between your arrangement and hers?

Dr. Stuart looks forward with much pleasure to seeing you and Mr. Ludington.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

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