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Dear Phil:

You were wondering if there were other things that you could be doing prior to your arrival. While I don't want to frighten you, I would suggest that we are still, as you know, looking for the equivalent of three Deans whose exact function will require considerable discussion as we consider our college organization. For example, will our organization be made up of three schools, i. e. School of Humanities, another of Social and Behavioral Sciences, another of Professional Programs; or the School of Letters and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Professional Programs. This naturally will not be ascertained until your arrival. At that time, we will need to immediately begin putting together a package to present to the Board of Trustees which I have currently scoped for the June meeting. As you can see, this will require a lot of work on our part between now and then.

However, coming back to the three Deanships, it is not absolutely essential that we make each one of these schools, or whatever we decide to call them, headed by a Dean. We could convert that position to a Division Chairman. So I would suggest that you do spend some time interviewing appropriate candidates for these positions.

I am including with this letter a packet of material which I have gleaned from a file that we have already started for you. This is more informational than anything else and it isn't necessary for you to return it since these are Xerox copies of material that will remain in that file.

I am also going to include under a separate mailing, the philosophy and structure of York University in Toronto, whose pattern we intend to basically follow with several modifications. I would hope that you could read this and be prepared to comment on it. It isn't necessary that you retain this either, since we have the original material.

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I believe, Phil, it would also be a good idea for you to review the structure of the various campuses in your area to gather as much information as possible that would be beneficial to the new college as innovative ideas. Please keep in mind as you consider all of this that we are building for an initial complement of 12,000 Full Time Equivalents and that we will be establishing a comprehensive program with professional fields included ranging from nursing to business administration, engineering, teacher education, technology, medical technology, etc. But the core of the program shall be a strong liberal arts.

There is also a strong possibility, Phil, that I will ask you to attend, if you can, a meeting for me in New York the second week in January. If I can arrange the several interviews in New York, I will call you to make sure you can go prior to confirming those interviews.

Give my very best to the colleagues back at Wabash and I hope that they aren't going to hate me too much for stealing one of their campus leaders. We're all anticipating your arrival.

Sincerely yours,



Paul F. Romberg
President

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