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December 13, 1972

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Dear Landrum:

I wish to follow through on our conversations in regard to the proposal for the Friends College, Kenya; and the other applications coming in from the several Friends missions education program.

I had not been able to confer with Harold Smuck until this morning, as he has been away from his desk until Monday. He and I have had a most cordial and worthwhile conversation only this morning. I took the opportunity to explain to him (as best I could) the manner of our approach to the Lilly Endowment. This letter, then, will outline my conversations with him, and how I understand we are to proceed.

Having written as I have, I have also had two meetings with David Le Shana; one over the phone before our return from the Mid-west, and again at some extent yesterday.

My first interest is the Kenya situation, so I shall begin with it; I am re-editing what was sent to John Lynn in August. Harold Smuck and I do not know of different needs or emphasis, so it will be submitted to you direct, updated and renewed. I hope to have it in your hands by the last of the month.

Then, you mentioned the proposal having come in from Fuad Zaru in the interests of the Friends Schools in Ramallah. May I ask two things of you? Would you be so kind as to allow Harold Smuck to see Fuad's request, so that his preparation of a covering letter will be more sensible. Also, he (Harold) may be successful in finding some British Quaker money for Ramallah, and it is his hope that what he has been doing with those approaches will be complimentary to the work that Fuad is doing. Certainly, the two proposals should not duplicate each other; but with communication and cooperation, both possibilities may be more adequately met. I suggest that you do what you wish in Richmond on these matters, and I do not need to insinuate myself otherwise.

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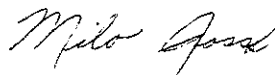
Third, of course I am vitally interested in the proposition coming in from David Le Shana for support of the Kotzebue extension school. He has allowed me to review it. It is nearing its final editing and he hopes to have it ready for you shortly. Prof. Roy Clark has just returned from Kotzebue and I have reviewed his reports. The main burden of my interview with David was to assist you in making an ethical and convincing recommendation to the Lilly trustees. So, it was my suggestion (and in keeping with our discussions in Richmond) that the tack for David to take is via California Yearly Meeting and its "child", the new Alaska Yearly Meeting. As you will discover, the George Fox College application will be presented in this manner. Here again David will be writing you direct. I have asked that he send a carbon to Harold Smuck.

It is my understanding that Harold shall then prepare a covering letter addressed to the Lilly Endowment, in care of you, in which he presents the over-all umbrella of Friends missions and their educational enterprises, lifting out three representative areas and projects, i.e. Kaimosi, Ramallah, and Kotzebue. He has a copy of the Kenya proposal. I hope that he can see the Ramallah one. He will be getting a copy of the Alaska one.

I earnestly hope that what I have said, and how I have interpreted the approaches, is correct and pleasing to you. If for any reason I have come at this from the wrong point of view, please forgive me; and do whatever you wish to in adjusting with Harold Smuck.

In our talking over the phone this morning, I suggested that Friends generally should hold you up in prayer; I know that you have the support and best wishes of Alice and myself.

With every good wish,



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