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February 8, 1947.

George Moore,
1110 East Sheridan St.,
Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

Three months have passed since you gave assurance that in that length of time you would have five or six Ph.D.'s under contract, with their salaries underwritten. You were not present, I am informed, at the meeting of the college board last Friday evening, and so you did not report to them; and though your letter to me was some days after the preceding quarterly board meeting, before you wrote to me you were quoted in other parts of the yearly meeting as having given the assurance, which was accepted almost as accomplished fact by students, that this would be accomplished.

It seems to me, in view of your "challenge", that it is not out of place for me to ask you to just what extent your statement has been made good. Have you these five or six men or women with Ph. D. degrees under contract? If not, just how many are under contract? What are their names, and from what institutions do they have their degrees? And are their salaries all underwritten, as you stated they would be? If so, may I know the names of those who have underwritten these salaries, the amount of each underwriting, when the amounts are to be paid, and for how many years the salaries are underwritten?

The quarter of a million dollars that the college has lost, at only 4% would have produced an income of \$10,000.00 per year, permanently. You stated that the changes that you have helped to bring about will be to the financial advantage of the college. How far along that line have you progressed thus far?

This matter of the Ph.D.'s that you were going to have under contract within three months, and the 250 students that you were going to have at the opening of college next year were things that you wrote to me -- I do not know about some other things that I have heard and on which you do not seem inclined to enlighten me. But I certainly feel that you should be willing to inform me as to whether you have made good on the "challenge" you gave to me.

And I certainly hope that you will correct the false statement that is being circulated that President Gulley is responsible for the loss of this quarter of a million dollars. He and I held this prospective donor from changing his mind about a big gift to the college, and presently he decided to go the whole way and make the college residuary legatee to nearly his entire estate. Neither of us had seen him after President Gulley's resignation, and we both thought that he might be in Florida. I saw the letter in which he wrote the college off his list, and it was you and the others who have worked against Gulley who are responsible. I hope you will make that clear to folks.

Sincerely yours,