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June 7, 1947.

Dr. Peter Odgaard, Pres.,
Reed College,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Dr. Odgaard:--

Because I am a member of the Executive Committee of the Northwest Institute of International Relations, I have been asked to convey to you a piece of information which could have come in a more official way, or at least from officials instead of merely from a member of the executive committee of the new organization.

You have had correspondence with Ray Newton of the Peace Section of the American Friends Service Committee, and led in the discussion with him of the matter of the relationship between the Northwest Institute and the American Friends Service Committee, with a thought of the possibility of a future executive secretary of the Institute being also a representative of the American Friends Service Committee for something like half the year, or for something like half his time. At that time we had no branch organization of the American Friends Service Committee in Oregon; but now such a branch has been organized, and an executive secretary will begin full time work in September.

This executive secretary is President Emmett W. Gulley, who is closing his work as president of Pacific College with commencement of this year. If and when the executive committee of the Institute wish to confer with him and the officers of this branch of the American Friends Service Committee, it can be arranged without difficulty.

Mr. Gulley plans to attend the Institute at Reed part of its session, and to be in the Seattle Institute part of the time. He expects later to attend the Whittier Institute, and will be in a conference of branch executive secretaries and other American Friends Service Committee leaders in Philadelphia the last week in September.

This Oregon branch of the AFSC has for its president Chase L. Conover of Dundee, formerly a member of the Pacific College faculty and for years working under the AFSC both in America and abroad; vice president, Hubert E. Armstrong of Newberg, formerly a Pacific College faculty member and now superintendent of schools here; treasurer, Loyde Osburn of Newberg, a Pacific College graduate and now its librarian. Mr. Gulley is serving as recording secretary for the present.

It looks as if I'd get very little of the institute this year, as usual, for it is held during the session of Oregon Yearly Meeting, also as usual, and I am a representative to that body, and a member and officer of its Service Board.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.