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Dear Mith:-

Many thanks for your letter. I do not know too much of what is going on. I have heard a rumor that one of the bills coming up and one to be presented by a member of the finance com. includes a clause which prohibits the Museum from housing loan exhibits. Now whether this is the J.W. bill or the Regents bill, I do not know. I only know it would jeopardize the I.A.F. collection. Maybe this is the handwriting on the wall. Just what should we do if this is the case? I can see only two possibilities, one to give in meekly, the other to withdraw the collection and find some other place to house it. This would present problems I am not capable of handling. I'm not worrying about this yet. I want to see what sort of a bill Mr. Seth is preparing etc.

The thing of the moment is that I want to tell you that we of the I.A.F. are planning an Open House in ~~xxxxxxFeb. 27thxxxxxx~~
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honor of Chap. He will give a short talk on pottery and use the new slides I have made for us. This is to be on Feb. 27th. I wish this could coincide with your return trip. Perhaps it can. I am making a big effort to bring Indians in for the event. A social gathering everybody dressed up. (they like to see us dressed up too!) We will carry out my long desired display of blankets in the auditorium. This may be our swansong. If so, its going to be a good one!

As soon as Parker calls another meeting, I will let you know what transpires. I do wish you could stop off on your way back. I do want Mr. R. to know what we are planning for Chap. I know how well he likes Chap. We must do this now as Chap is aging fast. We of the I.A.F. are furnishing some funds for a helper for him to finish his last books.

Best wishes, and before long I am going to attend strictly to my own business!