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Dear Mitch:-

Ever since Christmas I have been trying to catch up on letters. It seems to be very hard for me stretch out the hours far enough.

The main purpose of this letter is to tell you that I am preparing a small pamphlet as a tribute to Stanley to contain letters or excerpts from letters from the many that have come in to Florence. The overriding theme is his honor and integrity. Then of course his knowledge. And I fear he has left little of this in his own words. In as much as your letter to Florence was entirely personal, I wonder if you feel like sending me a letter of appreciation for the qualities of this so fine person?

Our next meeting is the 28th. I should have gotten this off to you ten days ago, but I hope I am not too late. Even if I am, this will only be presented at this meeting, and can be added to later.

From all I hear one we know is skating on very thin ice. Next regents meeting Jan. 21st. Mar McCune is home and would have been on the side of withdrawal last October. One reason for not being at that time was my wish to keep the two collections together and that with Stanley to handle any use of the collections, we were O.K. to sign a lease for a two year period. This was the majority vote AT THAT TIME. Ten days later Stanley was gone. We still have not signed any contract. We are commencing an inventory of both collection on the 18th. Betty Toulouse acting for us (she now knows the collections better than an one as she helped Stan prepare the catalogue) and Nancy Fox for the Museum. We have said that we would not sign until the inventory is complete though I was pressed to add a clause to the contract. (This doubtless to build up things accomplished). There is much I could tell you but both too long and best not by letter.

But I would like your thinking on a plan I have for joining the I.A.F. & Sch. of A.R. collections. For several years I have been trying to get the proven fact of the ownership of the so called Lab. collection. This came out at the time of our annual meeting Oct. 22nd. It seems to me that if we could join these into one tremendous and vital collection owned jointly, or whatever seems best, it would be a good thing. I am thinking to the far future when Chap, and a lot of us are gone, and what should be the ultimate place of us

the collection. I find that School has no catalogue other than the card index left in Stanley's office. The School is joining with us to hire Betty to take the joint inventory. For the school only on the pottery, silver and textiles etc. at the Lab.

You will be interested to know that many plans seem on foot which unquestionably follow your report. Also I think I have solved the attitude of one important regent, no longer on the board. It all stems from one source. I will let you know what I hear on the 21st. A lot of eyes have been opened but it remains to be seen if there are enough.

You will also be interested to know that the archivist who began his new job here last week, resigned after four days work and left town. No reasons given. He was greatly hailed before hand as a top man, having worked in Washington, many degrees, a Spanish native of New Mex. and seemingly the perfect one for the job. After what you told me, I wonder if one look was too much for him!

Once I get the I.A.F straightened out and safe, I shall hit for the tall timber figuratively and perhaps everything else. It is wrecking my own job, and NO MORE OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES FOR ME.

Some firm resolutions were made last week which I intend to keep!

In the meantime, the best of wishes and good luck if you needit,