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Dear Dr. Toube:

I am delighted that you are willing to participate in our annual meeting at Valparaiso University. It will mean a great deal to our members, and I am sure that you will enjoy it also. The meeting will be on 23 and 24 October.

MACTIC was formed in 1952 by a group of chemistry teachers who realized that they and chemical education would profit through annual meetings to discuss problems of mutual interest. Discussions have been in small groups and have usually been along the lines of teaching rather than research. This year our tentative program includes the following topics:

New Approaches to the Four Year Curriculum
Educational Trends in Analytical Chemistry
Educational Trends in Organic Chemistry
Educational Trends in Physical Chemistry
The Place of Radiochemistry in the Curriculum
Advanced Standing for Superior Students
Undergraduate Research

In addition, there is the subject of What to do About Inorganic Chemistry. As you will know, liberal arts small colleges are not blessed with very many "real" inorganic chemists. We did not think that a discussion group would operate very well for this reason. Therefore we decided to ask if you would give a general talk on the subject to the entire group, which will number somewhat over 100 members.

It occurs to me now that perhaps you would be interested in leading a discussion group of interested persons rather than give a general talk. We plan to have about three hours of discussion on Friday afternoon and about one hour on Saturday morning. If you would rather give a general talk, we would like to schedule it for 9:00 AM on Saturday. If you plan to speak for about 45 minutes, we can then allow about 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

I'll send meeting details as soon as they are printed. In the meantime, if you will kindly let me know your preferences as to a general talk or a small group discussion, with a title for the talk if that is your choice, I will see that it appears on the printed program.

Sincerely,