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Professor W. S. Haldeman
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Dear Professor Haldeman:

I am indeed honored by your invitation to serve as director of the Centennial Conference at Monmouth on "An Evaluation of the Teaching of Chemistry in Liberal Arts Colleges." It is with great pleasure that I assure you of my acceptance and express my sincere hope that with the aid of you and your able associates, we can make this conference one long to be remembered by those who will attend. The financial arrangements which you outlined in your letter are more than satisfactory. I would be willing to carry out my part of the program without any honorarium.

I have gone over the tentative program and feel that it is quite adequate. I am sure that it will be a rugged day and a half for the members of the conference but I don't think they will object.

With regard to the proposed letter of invitation, I have several suggestions. The first words, "Staff members of your chemistry department are invited" are rather vague. Is the invitation extended to all members of the staff of a given institution or two or three or how many? Since the president of a liberal arts college is not likely to be familiar with the chemists mentioned in the second paragraph I suggest that their titles and institutional connections be given, thus Dr. A. B. Garrett, Professor of Chemistry, Ohio State University, etc.

I had some trouble interpreting the phrase "Midwest Conference area." Perhaps you could better list the states which are involved. After checking with our Registrar, our Director of Admissions, and our Director of Athletics, I find that Hoosierland is outside of the Midwest Conference area.

It is my final idea that a copy of the letter to the President of the college should be sent to the head or chairman of the chemistry department involved.

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I will be looking forward to a visit with you at the Atlantic City meeting. At that time we can discuss the possibility of sending out a letter to those who accept the invitation. This letter might outline the way the conference is to be conducted and request from the people an expression of opinion on what topics are of most pertinent interest. May I again express to you and your associates my deep appreciation of the honor you have given me in connection with this conference. Please extend my personal regards to Ben Shawver.

Most cordially yours,

Edward L. Haenisch

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