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Dear Sir:

Knowing your interest in the activities of MACTLAC, the Midwestern Association of Chemistry Teachers in Liberal Arts Colleges, I am sure you know something of the Physical Chemistry Laboratory Manual Group. First organized informally in 1958 for the purpose of developing better experiments in physical chemistry, it became a standing committee of MACTLAC last year.

During the recent meeting of MACTLAC at Cornell College the original steering committee was reorganized as an Editorial Board with W. C. Oelke as editor. At the business meeting this Board was authorized to proceed with its plan for the development of a MACTLAC Cooperative Physical Chemistry Laboratory Manual. The experiment section will consist of modern, exciting experiments, many of a research nature, submitted by MACTLAC members, edited, tested, and revised before final publication. The reference section will be written by a few individuals, with publication rights, but under the general supervision of the Editorial Board.

The collection, duplication, and distribution of the various experiments will require funds. The editorial Board needs to meet at least once during the year besides the regular fall meeting. As authorized at the MACTLAC general business meeting of October 28th, we are asking that each department of chemistry, maintaining a course in physical chemistry, contribute \$10.00 to a fund to aid in meeting the expenses of this project. This fund will be administered by the general secretary-treasurer of MACTLAC as directed by the Editorial Board.

In return for this departmental contribution, your school becomes a Contributing Member of the MACTLAC Cooperative Physical Chemistry Manual project and will receive one copy (with local duplication rights) of each experiment as it is distributed for trial testing. In addition the school will be placed on a general mailing list to receive all information regarding the further development of this project. In this way your department is enabled to take part in one of the most forward looking activities in the physical chemistry laboratory field today.

Please make your check payable to William A. Deskin, Sect'y-Treas. of MACTLAC, Department of Chemistry, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and indicate that it is for a Contributing Membership in the MACTLAC Physical Chemistry Manual Project. The enclosed sheet is for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,


W. C. Oelke, Editor

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