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April 6, 1948

Mr. Ralph Gardner
Webb Building
Shelby, North Carolina

Dear Ralph:

Upon my return to the campus I found Aileen's letter enclosing the letters to you from my good friend, Itimous T. Valentine, and Secretary of the Treasury, John W. Snyder. It is fine to have these letters, and of course I was touched rather deeply by the one from Brother Itimous.

I am very greatly encouraged to see how thoroughly Mr. Fisher is taking hold of our situation and carrying on. It leads me to think that we have made no error in our temporary arrangement. He appears to me to be using great tact and sound judgment.

I have just been invited by the Charlotte Observer to write my appraisal of the institution in an article of three hundred words. I was deeply impressed by the fact that since I have been with the institution (not because I have been with the institution), we have spent in improvement, landscaping, grading the athletic field, and buildings, and endowment the sum of \$1,101,800.00. In my judgment, in the next five years we should spend another \$1,155,000.00 in buildings and equipment alone. It is a thrilling job; but with friends like you, your family, and the ever increasing stream of friends which we are making, we can do it.

With every warm personal wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

P. L. Elliott
President

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