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Professor Jack Hetherington
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Dear Jack:

In response to your valued letter of 25 November: let me admit at once that if you had not written I should never have had the temerity to think of approaching so distinguished a physicist as F. D. C. Willard, F.R.S.C., with a view to interesting him in joining a university department like ours, which after all, was not even rated among the best 30 in the 1969 Roose-Anderson study. Surely Willard can aspire to a connection with a more distinguished department.

However, heartened by your view that he might conceivably deign to look with favor on the modest opportunity that we have to offer, I do beseech you--his friend and even collaborator--at the most propitious possible time (say, some evening when the brandy and cigars are going around) to raise the question with him (with all possible delicacy, I need hardly add). Can you imagine the universal jubilation if in fact Willard could be persuaded to join us, even if only as a Visiting Distinguished Professor?

Yours faithfully,



Truman O. Woodruff
Professor and Imminently-erstwhile Chairman

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