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Dr. Brown Ayres, President,

The University of Tennessee

Dear Doctor Ayres:

In accordance with your instructions I called Dr. Stough by telephone yesterday and asked him when his reply to the letter of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees delivered to him in the morning would be ready. He replied that he would not answer the note at the present, adding that he did not consider himself under obligations to the University to do so; that he had given the management of the institution a chance to investigate the matter and that if they could not handle it did not think that an outsider should be called upon to assist. I asked him if I should report that he refused to reply and he asked me not to put it as bluntly as that, but virtually repeated what I have stated above.

Before closing the conversation, Dr. Stough stated that he would "show down if it came to a squeeze".

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Treasurer