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Mrs J.H. Knox,
740 North Fourth avenue,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

My dear Mrs Knox:

I have your letter of June 23 and beg to thank you for your prompt reply. I will lay your letter, together with the previous statements, before the Board of Trustees at the proper time. If the Executive Committee of the Board decide that it will be advisable to have these statements made under oath, we may have to trouble you again later on.

Referring to your offer to appear before the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, I do not think this is necessary unless you have any matter to state that we have not already had, in which event it would probably be better to put it in writing and give it under oath.

I confess I do not see that Mr Stough has anything to do with this matter further. He was given an opportunity to furnish us with information substantiating the statements made by him, which he failed to do, so that I would be inclined to consider his case as closed. However, the attitude of our Trustees is to be always fair
and open and if Mr Stough has any statement to submit as evidence that Professor Schaeffer instructed his regular University classes to practice immorality, we will be willing to have such statements, made under oath, to be submitted to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,

President.