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Dear Bob:

Since I consulted you about our local problems and you were kind enough to give me your advice, I feel the obligation to keep you posted on recent developments.

On February 2nd, after agreeing on this with my friends, I proposed what I term the "London Plan" to the Education Committee. Unfortunately, this met with sharp rejection on the part of the other group, consisting of May Romm, Milton Miller and Martin Grotjahn. They insisted on a complete split-up of the Institute. Tonight, we are going to meet again with the supposed purpose to find a method as to how to do this in the most amiable way that also would do no harm to the students in training.

I feel quite unhappy about such a solution; however, I have by now come to realize that it is inevitable. I have good reasons to believe that our group will have a slight majority over the other.

Since nothing has been decided definitely nor made public yet, I am writing this to you in strict confidence.

I shall keep you informed about further developments.

We are very much looking forward to see you and Florence when you visit Los Angeles. Charlie Tidd has told us about your plans.

Cordially yours,

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