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Mr. Chester Barnard, President,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street,
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Chester:

Mindful of what you said at the Board meeting about communicating directly with you were appropriations are in prospect, I would like to mention Dumas Malone and his life of Jefferson in the hope that you will see fit to pass on this communication for David Stevens' consideration.

Malone has received Twenty-five Thousand Dollars of funds from the Rockefeller Foundation to pay part of his living and secretarial expense while at work on the Jefferson. From a combination of circumstances, he has not been able to progress as fast as he should. Now that I have heard his explanation of these circumstances, I understand better the reason for his apparent slow progress.

He hesitated very much to come back to the Foundation because he is acutely sensitive of the magnitude of what already has been done for him, but he is hopeful that consideration can be given him for some assistance in the completion of Volume II, which he hopes to get out in the Fall of 1950. This will carry his biography through the contested election of 1801 and will square him off for his treatment of Jefferson as President.

I have tried to explain to him as a friend that Foundation funds were more readily procured for research assistance than for one's own living while engaged on a project of this sort and I made so bold as to tell him that I had never myself used a cent of the money that had been appropriated by the Carnegie Corporation for "George Washington."

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His circumstances are different, because he has no income outside of his professorial salary. In addition, I am sorry to say, he has anticipated and more than anticipated the royalties that thus far have accrued from the first volume of Jefferson. His circumstances, in fact, are quite embarrassed, with the result that he is close to despair, though he says he is resolved to finish the biography, cost what it may.

He has plans for getting some help elsewhere after the completion of the second volume, but he does ask that we consider the possibility of seeing him through with approximately Five Thousand Dollars for this volume. If you see fit to pass this on for Stevens for his consideration and report to you, I will be glad. Give him my best regards and accept them for yourself from

Yours faithfully

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