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My dear Dr. Mason

In accordance with our conversation of last month, I present herewith to you, and through you to the Rockefeller Foundation, a rather bald but most carefully estimated summary of our needs for biological research work at the University of Washington. The total is \$646,090.50.

I hope you will convey to your Executive Committee the genuineness and seriousness of our need for facilities to do research. We are a state university, it is true, and the Foundation has not been inclined to look with great favor on state-controlled institutions. On the other hand, there is not a privately endowed institution of higher learning in the Pacific Northwest that is doing, or can do, research work, none between us and California on the south or the Mississippi river on the east, and none either to the north or the west.

In addition, it seems to us that there is not an institution in the country more deserving of encouragement in its efforts at research work. We feel that the bibliography at the back of the statement submitted to you is evidence of this. We have a body of earnest scholars who are chafing under the handicaps they have to hurdle in order to do their studies. Despite this, they have done some exceedingly valuable work.

I may add that the University, because of its size and geographical location, seems to us a logical one for the Foundation to encourage. The Foundation has not gone into the Pacific Northwest; yet this section of the country needs encouragement in its efforts at research, particularly in the biological sciences, in which it has so many and such great natural advantages.

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