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My dear Miss Russell:

Last autumn you sent me some notes regarding proposal for a School of Nursing in the University of Toronto. The officers of the Rockefeller Foundation have recently been giving thought and consideration to these plans and I am writing to say that we are agreed that this problem should be investigated more thoroughly and that consideration should be given to a more detailed and thoroughly worked out scheme. Among the points to be considered in such a detailed presentation should be:

1. A description of the type of organization, in relation to the University, which is proposed. It would be with a type of organization actually making the school of nursing an integral in the part of the University system which would command interest here.

2. The purpose of the School - We should be glad to have a further description of the preparation of nurses for public health nursing and we are interested in the idea of the development of experimental courses which would provide a laboratory for study of the educational problems connected with nursing.

3. Proposed Teaching of the School - (B) Further elucidation of points one and two and also a fuller description of the possibilities and also the reasons why you believe there are possibilities in fitting a nurse for public health nursing work within three years.

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In making grants, as you no doubt thoroughly understand, we are not so much in sympathy with giving money for buildings as money for educational purposes. Do you think that in the set-up of this scheme enthusiasm could be aroused for securing funds locally or within the Dominion for building purposes in order that aid from the Foundation, if the officers should decide that it is possible to give such aid, would be devoted to other purposes than buildings?

In general I think you would like to have me say that I believe the time has now come when all those persons concerned with such a development as you have described at the University of Toronto should be enlisted to develop and present a comprehensive plan which could be considered by the officers after the summer is over.

Sincerely yours,

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