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Dear Dean Scott:

Your letter of October 16 about the manuscripts which Arthur Washburn has found arrived in the office this morning. It is always very interesting to learn about material such as this and to speculate on how much other material there may be that has gotten buried in family records that are shoved up under the attic eaves. I remember when we were in Beirut in the spring we heard about some early speeches of Dr. Daniel Bliss that had been found in the Dorman house when it was being razed.

We will be very happy to receive the material if Mr. Washburn wants to ship it here to the office. Over the past years a considerable amount of such material has been deposited here in the office and is tucked away in various places.

I think it would be great fun to go over the old records of Robert College and to pull things together which have never before been worked on. I envy you in your research job for, as you know, I, too, have somewhat the research temperament and like to dig into all sorts of material to see what can be obtained from it.

As usual, we are keeping busy here in the office. In fact, I am just about able to keep up with a lot of the main things without having time to keep track of much of what is happening. I have been out of town off and on all fall, and naturally many things have to be handled while I am away. Bob Dodds and others are most helpful, and without them I am sure that there would be more creaks and groans in our machinery than there are. I have managed to be away every time that the new Engineering Dean has been in New York, but I hope one of these days to be able to see him.

I have met several times the new doctor for the American Hospital and like him very much. It will seem strange not to have Lorrin Shepard there, and I am sure that he will be missed by everyone. I hope that Dr. Swanker does the job that we all expect from him.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Scott, along with the greetings from everyone else here in the office.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Dean Scott:

I am sorry that in my earlier letter I omitted answering one of your questions and made it necessary for you to write a second time. Of course it is always nice to hear from you but I should be better about answering questions.

I have not visited the Archives in Washington recently but have had several occasions to do so a year or two ago when we were trying to find the title deeds for the Girls' College. You may remember hearing something about this search which unfortunately did not result in our find the documents we wanted.

The Archives have several volumes of letters, memoranda, etc., that apply to the American schools in the old Ottoman Empire. In these volumes there are sections that pertain to Robert College and to the Girls College. Some of the material I know will be useless for it consists merely of letters of introduction to people in the Embassy in Constantinople or to some on in the State Department in Washington. However, according to my recollection, there are other things which may be useful. In any case I think you would find it helpful to visit the Archives in Washington and to go over what is there.

During my search for the missing Girls' College deeds, I learned that a man who had recently retired as one of the chief archivist had formerly taught at Robert College. At the moment of dictating this I do not recall his name but I am sure you would know him if I could remember it. Perhaps later I can try to look it up for you. He was most helpful to me a couple of times when I called him on the telephone to inquire about other places where we might conduct our search. I am sure that he will be glad to work with you and to indicate where in the Archival documents you might find matters pertaining to the history of Robert College.

I wondered several times how the recent troubles in Egypt have affected Turkey and the work of the College especially with the number of Iraqi boys I understand are there attending the Engineering School. Word from Beirut is that classes are proceeding normally although there has been some student unrest and excitement. University administration has found ways and means for the students to express their

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