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Mr. Walter Stewart  
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Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The College is proposing to change its plan for lecturers this year, for which it has a sum in the budget, to take advantage of the arrival in America of some of the distinguished European literary and scholarly figures. What we are proposing is to have three or four resident lecturers or Fellows. Each would receive a stipend of \$1000, for which he would give three or four lectures each half year. We would make favorable living arrangements. For these positions we are thinking of persons such as Sigrid Undset, who may have done her best work, but in the capacity I have suggested could make a contribution to the students and to the College out of her experience and wisdom.

I am wondering whether you know of any people of the type I am suggesting. The Institute is of course in touch with people who still have a great deal of important work to do. We would of course like to have such a type but we are rather thinking of this lectureship as contributing something to the College in a human way where the person may have done his most important work.

I am to be in New York at the Hotel Shelton for several days and if you have any ideas I should appreciate greatly your writing to me or getting in touch with me there.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Leigh, President