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THE COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN FLORIDA  
February 25, 1954

Hon. Parris Bryant, Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Ocala, Florida

Dear Parris:

Just a note to let you know that the work of the Council on Higher Education in Florida is underway, and that I am finding my little part in it very satisfactory.

Unless foundation grants are such that there will be little pinch for funds, there is little immediate probability that salary will go beyond \$7,000 in this fiscal year. Broward has indicated his hope that my salary will be fitted into the pattern of the board office, and that if raises for the board staff should be possible, some suitable action would be taken on my salary.

If the time should come that I might be taken on the board staff itself, the fact that my salary might be in line with those being paid in the office might have some advantage. While that advantage is not the kind that we can bank each month, I am not going to be unhappy about it. At any rate, the "security provisions" are such that both Charlotte and I are able to go into this situation with confidence.

Of course, your action in rounding up support for a leave - in event it should be necessary to fall back on that - has been a very substantial help. We appreciate it. Broward was satisfied that we were "protected" after his talk with you and he has not discussed the matter any further with Mr. Surles.

We are leaving tomorrow for Chicago and a series of conferences which will take in most of the people on the Council on Higher Education. Should be back by the 9th of March.

From numerous people who have no idea of our friendship we have heard comments which indicate that Bryant is there man and that they will wait for the nominations for the four-year term. Our very best wishes in that connection. And we are so happy to know that you will be here during the next session. When do we start the painting? And shall we do the top half of the window?

The contemplated meeting on March 20th will not be in conflict with any meetings scheduled in this program, and if you want me there it should be possible to arrange without difficulties - especially if you will pay my expenses!

Warmest regards to you and to your ladies from all of us.

As ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'A. Lee' or similar, written in dark ink.