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FACULTY OF LAW
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Dear Mr. Prinschall:

I have received a notice inviting me to attend a meeting of Deans in your office on the 25th February. The items on the agenda all appear to involve questions of policy that will become effective only after my term of office has expired, and it therefore appears very undesirable that I should offer any official opinion upon them a few days before I vacate office, having regard to the reasons which have compelled my resignation.

The majority of my colleagues have by now made it fairly plain to me that in their opinion my previous education and professional training are such as to render me unfit for executive responsibility in the Faculty of Law. That being so, it is clear that I cannot claim to represent the views of the Faculty, and any opinion officially expressed by me might easily embarrass my successor, who will presumably enjoy the confidence which I am unable to command.

For the information of the Deans I may point out that the proposed shortening of the session will exclude this Faculty from membership in the Association of American Law Schools and will also deprive us of the recognition at present granted to us by the State of New York. The desirability of taking such a step involves a serious question of policy upon which it would be improper for a person in my position to express any official opinion.

In so far as my private views, privately expressed, are of any value to you, they will always be at your service, to be understood that