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School of Journalism

Office of the Dean

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President Nicholas Murray Butler
Columbia University

My dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Faculty of the School of Journalism I have the honor to submit the following report, with recommendations:

On July 1, 1932 this School will have completed its first twenty years of academic service. It will have provided instruction for approximately 1,160 men and women, a majority of whom are actively engaged in writing and editing, or in managing and publishing newspapers, news reports, periodicals and books in the United States and several foreign countries.

Our experience, therefore, when combined with the results of a recent careful study of the professional and business needs of journalism, convinces us that this anniversary year is an appropriate period for us to reappraise and recast our curriculum. This is in accord, also, with the provisions of the Agreement of April 10, 1903 between Joseph Pulitzer and the Trustees of the University, wherein it is provided that:

"The University will establish ... and maintain the School ... with the highest degree of educational efficiency."

"The course and plan so adopted may be modified from time to time by the University as experience and changing conditions may render necessary and desirable as tending to increase the usefulness of the School."

The chief provisions of the plan which we respectfully recommend are the following:

1. That candidates for admission to the School of Journalism shall be eighteen years of age and shall be admitted after an examination and inquiry into their general intelligence, moral character and fitness for the work of the courses.