UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH December 5, 1939 President McGill University Montreal, Canada Dear Mr. President: May I ask for your consideration of two requests for information. I am looking over the English field for a man not over thirty-five years of age who holds the Ph.D. degree and who would be qualified to take charge in our department of all underclass and upperclass courses in writing, except freshman English. It may be a vain hope, but I should very much like to find a man who had himself done some creative writing. There are good prospects here for a man capable of filling this position. If you know of someone, will you be good enough to send me his name or put me in touch with him? We are also searching for a dean of the College of Arts and Science. I am not a member of the committee which has been selected to make the canvass for a man; but I am writing to you on the request of Dr. W. C. Curtis, who is at present Acting Dean. Personally, I have in mind a man of the general type of scholarship, culture, and personal qualities of Professor Herbert Davis, who is now at Cornell and was formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Toronto. I shall be greatly indebted to you if you can offer me some suggestions. Very truly yours, AM Function A.H.R. Fairchild, Chairman Department of English / AHRF: p