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Dear Earle:

Thank you for the information you sent me last month on my duties as Chairman of the Iowa Section of the M.A.A. and the normal schedule of events. I am sorry to be so slow in responding but the end of the quarter seemed particularly hectic and I wanted to give some thought to a suggestion I had for the spring program before proposing it to you. I have received the minutes of the meeting of Section Officers at Ithaca and wish to thank you for representing our section. Also I readily approve your independent action in hiring legal advice regarding our non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service.

Since fall I have been pondering ways in which we could do something a little different in the spring meeting to focus attention on some of the problems, deficiencies and/or opportunities in mathematical education in Iowa. The recent CUPM report of which you spoke may be an ideal catalyst. I feel there is a real need for communication between universities, colleges and junior colleges regarding ongoing programs, problems and needs. I really hope that the small colleges and junior colleges can be properly staffed and organized so they can legitimately take an appreciable share of the load off the universities and help prevent the latter from becoming uncoordinated pituitary giants. What would you think of having a panel representing the universities, small four-year liberal arts colleges and junior colleges discuss "A General Curriculum in Mathematics for Colleges" in the light of these considerations? The title might be "How Can the CUPM

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General Curriculum in Mathematics Contribute to Mathematical Training in Iowa?" Please give me your frank opinion of the possibilities. If you think it feasible, and have not yet sent out the preliminary notice, mention of it might stimulate some interest in reading the report at least. Also I would appreciate suggestions, particularly regarding possible participants.

I am reminded of another item from the minutes of the Ithaca meeting. Do you think it would be a good idea to try to have a display of the Basic Library List books? This might involve some expense.

When you sent for the list of charter members of the Iowa section, did you have in mind the possibility of honoring them in some fashion? This might be a good time since the meeting is, if you will pardon the expression, centrally located. Two of the members died here in the past six months which leaves three here, one at Iowa City and one in Spillville.

Thanks again for your faithful service. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely yours,

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