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Dear Prof. Gillam,

I hope the school year has gotten off to a good start for you and that your trip to Madison proved to be as profitable as mine was.

I talked with Steve Armentrout there at Madison and asked him for suggestions about next year's Iowa Section meeting. He said the conflict of date with the AMS Meeting in Chicago was the reason so few of the University of Iowa and Iowa State mathematicians attended at Waverly. And he was very fearful the same thing would happen again in 1969. When I received the AMS "Notices" the other day, I checked and sure enough that Chicago meeting is scheduled for April 18 also. So we have exactly the same problem once again.

Prof. Armentrout asked if it would be possible to hold our Iowa Section meeting of the MAA at a different time and if necessary at a different place. I can see some formidable difficulties, one of which is the \$50 the Iowa Academy will contribute to bring in an out-of-state speaker. How strongly are we tied to the Iowa Academy? It seems rather unreasonable to schedule our meeting at a time we know a substantial segment of the membership will not be able to attend.

Can I have your thoughts on this subject soon, so we can proceed with the formation of a program?

Sincerely yours,

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