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To: Chairmen and Secretaries of Sections

Dear Colleagues:

At the Meeting of Section Officers in Eugene, I mentioned that I would appreciate a brief report from any Section which has conducted, during the past year or two, any kind of Visiting Lecturer Program for secondary schools. I am particularly interested in information on the following points:

1. Some indication of the scope of the program; i.e. number of visits made annually.
2. The method of financing the program; including a rough indication of the ratio of Section funds (including profits from the High School Contest, if any) to contributions from schools.
3. A brief description of the historical ties between this program and the NSF-supported Secondary School Lecturers Program of a few years back.

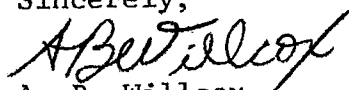
The reason for my request is the fact that foundations do not really believe that programs such as these, which they have supported by grants, ever lead to self-sustaining programs after this support is withdrawn. A few solid existence proofs will greatly strengthen the proposal which the Committee on Secondary School Lecturers has written for a grant to help spread these successful programs to additional Sections.

Thus, I hope that any of you who can report on successful programs of this type will write to me in the near future. It will be helpful if I have several of these within the next few weeks.

I hope also that those of you who have not yet completed your survey of MAA Representatives on campuses in your Section will make efforts to complete this updating soon. We would like to move closer soon to the ideal of having a Representative on every campus.

It was good seeing some of you at the meeting in Eugene.

Sincerely,


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