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Dear President Jordan

I have delayed my answer to your second letter during the adjustment of certain matters upon which my decision in a great measure depended. In the meantime such inducements to remain here have been offered, both in the promised increase in equipment, and in salary, as to make it seem best to give up all thought of becoming a candidate for the Indiana vacancy.

I am in full sympathy with

your effort to place the University
in the very first rank. I have
watched the movement, so far as
one can from a distance, with
great interest and I entertain
no doubt of its success. I
appreciate the honor of having
been considered in the filling
of this chair, and feeling sure
that my work could have been
carried on in Indiana in a
way greatly to my liking, it is
not without a certain regret
that I have come to my present
decision. I hope the delay
has not been a source of annoyance
to you. Yours very truly
Edw L Richards