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My dear Dr. Jordan:

Your letters of the 15th & 17th inst. were duly received. In regard to the chair of French I should say that as the position is a desirable one, you will doubtless be able to secure a man that has a thorough scientific knowledge of the subject ~~and~~ beside the other necessary qualities necessary for the position. Prof. Olson may be in many respects a very desirable man, but I should hardly be in favor of his appointment without sufficient evidence of a thorough knowledge on his part of the subjects which he is to teach. This evidence should be of a more special character than the general recommendation from Prof. Clark. Prof. Olson's knowledge of the Norse dialects could no doubt be made to help in the work in the modern languages very much; but as he is to teach French in the first place, his knowledge of that and the related

idioms should be considered first. I will write to you about Prof. Anderson as soon as I have met him.

The reply from Mr. Eggers is entirely satisfactory. I have now ^{no} preference between him and Mr. Schilling; either one will, I think, give satisfaction.

I have had some conversation with Mr. Jenkins, regarding the proposed professorship of pedagogues and psychology, and I am very glad that he is so favorably disposed to the idea and that the matter is already so well under way.

Yours very sincerely

Hans C. von Jagemann.