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Dear Ted:

I mentioned to you yesterday that Mr. Fletcher had increased the Mellon Institute fee without consulting the Trustees. This is set forth in a letter of February 8th from Mr. McMahon to Mr. Fletcher and my copy indicates that you and all the other Trustees received copies.

In this letter Mr. McMahon confirms a telephone conversation with Mr. Fletcher and states that "in compliance with your instructions, we are arranging to increase the sum of our contract with Mellon Institute for 1943 from \$25,000 to \$30,000 to cover the employment of an industrial hygiene engineer on the Foundation's staff."

In a postscript the letter states that "Complying with your request, we are sending a copy of this letter to all members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees."

Sincerely yours,

Vandiver Brown,
General Attorney.

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P.S. I note this increase is not reflected on the Treasurer's report, which was attached to the agenda for yesterday's meeting. This includes an item in the amount of \$12,500 which is captioned "Mellon Institute contract second half of 1943". It is all very confusing and, I believe, irregular. What should we do about it?

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