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Dear Bill:

I believe you are cognizant of the action taken by the Board of Directors regarding the Donald E. Cummings Memorial Lecture. Last year we were privileged to have Dr. Gardner, a long associate of Don's, give the first lecture in his memory.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, which was held on November 15, 1944, the Board voted unanimously to invite you to give the second Donald E. Cummings Memorial Lecture on the occasion of the AIME Annual Meeting to be held April 23, 1945. The subject of the lecture is being left entirely in your own hands. As a friend of yours of many years standing, I am very glad that I happen to be President of the Association this year and, therefore, have the privilege and opportunity to invite you in the name of the Association to give this lecture. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to do so. I shall appreciate a reply to this invitation in order that I may inform Dr. Kahoe, the Program Chairman this year, concerning your decision in this matter.

My kindest personal regards and best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Bloomfield
President

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P. S. I forgot to mention that there is an honorarium of \$100.00 attached to this lecture.