

424 N. George Mason Dr.
Arlington, Va.
28 November 1949

Prof. George E. McCracken
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Drake University
Des Moines 11, Iowa

Dear George:

Receipt of your letter of 7 November is acknowledged. I shall keep it as a memento because of the several very nice and perhaps undeserved things which you say. You flatter me too much.

I am going to ask Mark to see if he can work out a tour for you again this coming summer.

With cordial greetings and best wishes for a happy Christmas time, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

424 N. George Mason Dr.
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4 November 1949

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Dear George:

I am sure that you have been apprehensive that my long silence means that I was offended by your letter. Your apprehensions, if they exist, are entirely unwarranted. I have simply flagrantly been letting a lot of things drift while we are going through some of the trials and tribulations of unification. My office has moved out to Nebraska Avenue which does not please me too much because it means driving again through traffic and I don't like that. If I felt sure that my office would stay where it is now I might consider trying to find a place close by but I feel that we might have another change and I don't want to keep moving.

In regard to the situation which you wanted to call to my attention, I will only say that things are pretty well under control and are working out all right. Mark and I had been aware of the undercurrents and elements in the situation but thank you nevertheless for mentioning the matter.

I want to say that I am very glad that you enjoyed your summer detail with us and my only regret is that you and I did not spend more time together. I think it was entirely my fault but in apology will say that I had a pretty difficult time on account of personal troubles which kept me in a low state. I feel somewhat better now and hope to continue to improve.

If there is any chance at all I hope that you will be able to be with us again next summer. There will be plenty to do.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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424 North George Mason Dr.
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29 March 1950

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Dear George:

Thanks for your nice letter of 16 February, and I hope you will pardon my answering it at this late date.

Yes, it is true that I haven't been well for the past few months. I went to the hospital over a month ago to see if the medicos could straighten me out. Fortunately I have been making some progress and hope to be out of the hospital soon.

I am glad you have got yourself settled with respect to your active duty training for this summer. We had been working on it for your duty here, but somehow or other the ASA people don't know the inside ropes regarding the securing of definite commitments of funds for the following fiscal year. As a matter of fact ASA just issued a Memorandum to the effect that funds are available for 15-90 day tours for the rest of FY 1950, but that beginning 1 July this year 15-day tours only will be available. So, you see, you have done wisely to proceed as you have.

The new organization is moving along slowly, all be it with some creaking at the joints. I venture to say, however, that after it has been in operation a year, it should be running on a fairly smooth track.

With my very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN