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Dear Leland:

It seems to me that several of us, including Glen Taggart, have approached you on one occasion or another about visiting our campus. Now that April's here the trees and flowers are beginning to blossom and we are experiencing the earth's annual rebirth, with the accompanying emotional surge of Spring fever. Of course that makes one think of going over to the banks of the Red Cedar River and relaxing under a tree, but a few of us have managed to control this impulse thus far and are trying to channel our energies into more constructive enterprises. This is where you come in.

Will it be possible for you to visit our campus sometime during the Spring quarter? I am sure you would find it worthwhile to visit with Glen Taggart and the staffs of the Pakistan and Vietnam Projects. And equally obviously they would find it valuable to have a little time with you. Beyond that, we have a goodly group of seniors and graduate students here working in the field of overseas development. For example, I offer a course in political problems in foreign area development; we offer an interdisciplinary seminar on economic development; and there are courses in economics and agricultural economics of a related character. I think it would be tremendously valuable for our students to have the benefit of listening to you and talking with you about America's overseas programs, in the areas of South and Southeast Asia. Speaking personally I would like to add my own invitation to this more formal one, since Jane and I would enjoy very much having you with us for a day or two.

Do you think you could make it? And if so, when?

Very best wishes to Irene and the children.

Cordially,

Wesley R. Fishel
Professor

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