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Professor Gilbert Chinard
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Dear Professor Chinard

President Butler asks me to acknowledge for him your letter of November 23. He is not able to accept membership on your sponsoring committee, not because of any lack of interest in what you are trying to do but because he is already overwhelmed with obligations and feels he should not accept appointment, particularly in connection with a matter such as you describe, when he is not able to give close attention to and assist in directing the policies of the group. He asks me, therefore, to decline your suggestion for him.

The President also feels that he has already said so much on the international situation that he can hardly prepare something for your special use at this time. His Annual Report as President of the University will be available in two or three weeks, and I will see that a copy of it goes to you, as I think you will find in that document some helpful material.

Very truly yours

Frank D. Fackenthal

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