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Dear Sir:

I learn with great pleasure from Mr. Shaffer of your generous intention to supply the mahogany or other material needed for the furnishing of the President's room in the New Technology. At present, we are engrossed with the problems of the general lay-out of the Institute, and have not yet discussed such questions as interior decoration, but I have no doubt that the time will come when some such offer as that which you have been good enough to make will be most heartily accepted. At any rate, we can not fail to appreciate the spirit in which it is made, and to realize that if other alumni will take hold of the Institute's problems in the same spirit, there can be no misgivings about the New Technology. As you probably know, one alumnus has already offered all the cement that may be required, and there are various minor offers of a similar character, so that it is scarcely too much to hope that practically all the materials needed in construction will be either given outright or sold at cost.

Yours sincerely,

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