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Dr. Paul L. Errington
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Dear Paul:

I confess to considerable disappointment in learning of the impending financial breach with the Commission. It is a satisfaction, of course, to know that the College is standing firm, but unless the Commission has greatly deteriorated in the last two years, I cannot escape the thought that a breach is unnecessary, that it will eventually result in a mutual loss, and that it marks the possible beginnings of disruption in the Iowa Conservation Plan.

Attached is a letter which I have sent Dr. Boone and a copy of which is going to Darling. I am not certain that this is a wise approach, but it is the best one that I have been able to think of. The more I think about it, the more I am convinced that Iowa has an external as well as an internal responsibility in this matter. I have some things in the back of my mind which I may want to broach later. For instance, it is possible that the basic difficulty in the Iowa set-up is that the Commission's contribution is lumped with all other funds instead of being used for the specific projects of greatest immediate interest to the Commission. If this were true, then you and Dean Buchanan might want to consider re-organizing the present funds and personnel so that the Commission's contribution applies to some particular man or project whose job it will be to get the things the Commission needs for current and immediate purposes. If this were done, and if Mr. Darling's funds were to continue, then they might be devoted to the more fundamental research work provided he were willing, as I think he would be.

What I am driving at is that there may be some way to alter the present organization rather than trimming it.

Keep me posted on developments insofar as you can.

Yours as ever,

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