

*Personal*

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Dear Professor Lindstrom:

I read with pleasure your letter to the Cassells - not with too much pleasure though, for I was deeply concerned about the sociological degeneracy of our Southern neighbors.

Your letter sparkles with the directness of approach that so completely characterizes your whole personality.

I am still with the Naval Ordnance Laboratory and they are making substantial proposals relative to my remaining. However, as you know, I am deeply attached to our institution and any severance of this relation would not be easy. However, the work here has proved interesting and inspiring and I have been forced by circumstances to make certain improvements in my personal traits, these changes being long overdue.

I spend considerable time thinking about the situation this nation will find itself in with regard to scientific personnel after the war is over. I cannot see how it can be otherwise than substantially bankrupt in this direction. I suppose that industry will draw a large fraction of the best men, and that colleges and universities will have no course but to accept instructors of less ability and experience.

I have just been talking to Professor Cassell (who, by the way, is here with us for the time being working on a project which the Iowa State College is executing for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory) about the situation in Electrical Engineering at Ames. As you know, Harold Anderson has definitely resigned from the college and taken a very good position with General Electric at Schenectady. As a result, the graduate situation in our Electrical Engineering Department looks very serious. I could speak with equal ease about the two departments with which I am more intimately concerned.

Do you remember the bet I won?

Very sincerely yours,