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Dr. F. C. Allen  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

It has been suggested by Chancellor Deane W. Malott that in connection with the national defense program in which the University is most eager to participate, that the University set up a temporary speaking bureau through which the services of members of the University faculty would be offered to the state in the medium of speeches on democracy. The University of Virginia has carried out this project quite successfully with more than 30 of its outstanding faculty members delivering these talks on some phase of democracy based upon departmental knowledge and research.

The project there has resulted in a great deal of good will for the University and has attracted notable recognition from the federal government. Chancellor Malott is definitely of the opinion that such a program is feasible in the state of Kansas and has asked me to assist in arranging the program.

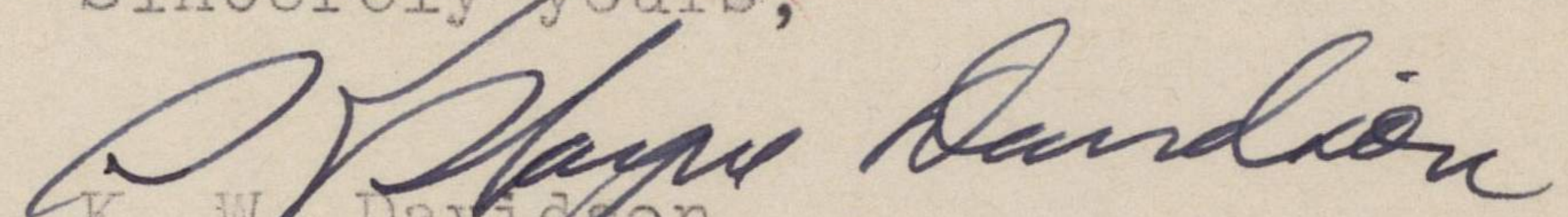
Services of the speakers would be offered to various civic and private group gatherings at times that would be entirely convenient to the faculty members who would participate. It is the purpose of the University to offer the services for expenses only. This was the policy adopted at Virginia.

Your name has been suggested as one of the faculty leaders who would probably be willing to assist in the noteworthy project. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to whether you would be willing to cooperate and also would like to have the subject of your proposed talk. It should be related in some way to democracy, but outside of that you are at complete liberty to mold the topic.

It is planned now not to have the meetings start until after Christmas holidays and also to arrange them so that there would be no conflict with the mid-year examinations.

I am sure that Chancellor Malott would be most grateful for your cooperation in this venture, and certainly I will appreciate your indication of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

  
K. W. Davidson  
Director of Information

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