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Dear Phog:

Replying to a couple of your letters, wish to say first of all, that it looks as though the vote is against you for the meeting place next year. I haven't announced it yet, but it is four for New York, one for Kansas City, and I am not voting. Confidentially, I talked to Saint about the situation, and I have written to Olie. After I hear from Olie, if he has any strong prejudices in the matter, I think I will take the liberty of using some of the material in your letter and re-canvass the committee in regard to the meeting. I am sure you appreciate the necessity for abiding by the majority opinion of the board in regard to the date and place of the meeting. Incidentally, the time is set. Everybody agreed on that. As indicated, however, I will try to handle the situation, if it requires handling, when I hear from Olie, as tactfully as I can, and so as not to embarrass you, will not quote you directly but simply state your viewpoint as though it were mine, if this is agreeable to you.

Now then, replying to your letter with the copy of the criticism, wish to say I think that is good stuff. We on the committee know Tower sufficiently well so that we know he is not hide-bound. He may be conservative, but he certainly is open-minded and will take more abuse from the members of the committee good-naturedly than any one I can think of. I believe there is a point to the criticism voiced and for that reason, believe it would be helpful in making out Guide a better one another year.

I have gone over quite carefully the material you sent me, and think it is pretty good stuff.

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