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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Brother Allen:

I appreciate the compliment of being invited to become a member of a committee to refurnish the Phi Kappa Psi chapter house at Lawrence. A few years ago I contributed for a like purpose, and am always willing to do my share upon proper occasion.

However this situation reminds me of the young fellow who, without any whys or hows, blurted out a proposal of marriage, to which the young things naturally responded that "it was so sudden". Now comes your invitation on the wings of lightning. It is so sudden. It gives no hows or whys. It contains no statement of assets or liabilities of the chapter, nor of its annual income and expenditures, nor of whether or not the members of the chapter are keeping up in payment of their dues and obligations. Should I permit the use of my name until I have these facts? For I would then impliedly guarantee that all is well and would be pressing for contributions in a cause about whose needs and just demands I am ignorant. So, at this time and under these circumstances, I must beg to be excused from accepting your invitation.

Permit me to suggest that your drive is badly timed. We have just had demands from the Red Cross, and are now in the midst of a Community Chest Drive, and, in addition, Santa Claus has just straddled our backs. Father should have a breathing spell before he is asked to pungle up any further.

And, finally, I would much rather contribute to lifting the mortgage on the chapter house than to help pay running expenses that should be met by those who should properly pay them. How much is it? *(the mtg.)*

With my personal regards to you and to your co-conspirator, Bill Piatt, I am,

Fraternally yours,

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