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Dr Forrest Allen ,
President Rotary Club ,
Lawrence Kansas .

Dear Phog :

Glad to know you are pushing everything vigorously on the matter of the Rotary district conference . You will have plenty to do with Red Cross and your own work .

The theme of the conference as suggested by the Chicago Office is " Making Rotary Realistic " . I shall interpret that to men getting out of the realm of merely talking and getting down to action.

As I suggested several clubs have said they would like to hear Jeff Williams of Chickasha , Oklahoma . I heard from K.C. Mo. a hearty recommendation of Edmund H. Harding , the Tarheel Humorist of Washington , North Carolina . I have just received advertising matter about Arthur F Briese , 4441 Beacon Street , Chicago Ill. He has big testimonials from Rotary Club of Omaha, and Kiwanish International etc . Then I thought that you having in Lawrence a lecture bureau might have knowledge of some good speakers . I believe it will be good to send you several sheets which have come to me. After you and your committee examine them, will you keep them for I would like to see them again.

As to the matter of student from Latin America I have received a letter from Ambrose Johnston . He takes full blame for not doing anything about this matter. Did not what to reply . I enclose his letter which I wish you would return. My question is Do you have anyone who would like to be in K.U. this next semester who could enjoy this and be of inspiration to a few Rotary clubs . It seems that there has been no definite plan of procedure to handle this. If I had known the situation I would have brought it up at assembly last summer and asked that group to take official action. At this late date I think I shall just assume responsibility and say "Go ahead Lawrence" if you have a Latin American student who would come to K.U. this second semester , and the Rotary will assume half of what it would have done for the whole year . Then I think that at the business hour at Topeka I think action should be taken for next year, approving the expense and appointing a committee to go ahead and make decisions as to who and where *for the following year.*