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Mr. William J. Stephenson
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Dear Bill:

Enclosed is your receipt for the enrollment which came to \$292.00 instead of the \$304.00 Mrs. Vars had originally quoted to me. To simplify matters I took the \$12.00 in cash. I am enclosing my personal check for the \$12.00.

Your enrollment, as you know, is for 5502 (thesis) and 5591 (Graduate Readings and Research).

With respect to the Readings course, I am sending you a list of books on the American presidency. For your assignment, I am asking that you read and give me (send to me) short reports on any five of them. By short I mean a page or two--typewritten--explaining what the author has to offer. If you have not yet read Barber, it might be interesting to start with it, but that is up to you.

Some of these books may not be available at your library facilities. Hopefully, five of them will be. You may send all of the reports to me at once or one by one as you complete them. I will ask you some oral questions when you return to campus for your final graduate examination on the thesis.

If you have questions or comments, please call or write anytime. Our best to you and your wife.

Yours truly,

Travis McBride, Head
Dept. of Political Science

The Books:

- 1. Barber, James D., THE PRESIDENTIAL CHARACTER: PREDICTING PERFORMANCE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, 1972. *JK 511 B 57*
- 2. Cronin, Thomas E. THE STATE OF THE PRESIDENCY, 1975. *JK 516 C 75*
- 3. Egleton, Thomas F. WAR AND PRESIDENTIAL POWER: A CHRONICLE OF CONGRESSIONAL ~~WAR~~ *SE 510 F 27* AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, 1975.
- 4. Fisher, Louis. PRESIDENTIAL SPENDING POWER, 1975. *JK 512 F 77*
- 5. Koenig, Lewis W. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, 1975. *JK 514 H 775*
- 6. Mansfield, Harvey C., Jr., ed. CONGRESS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, 1975.
- 7. Neustadt, Richard E. PRESIDENTIAL POWER, 1975. *JK 516 M 756*
- 8. Reedy, George E. THE TWILIGHT OF THE PRESIDENCY, 1970. *JK 511 125 - 84*
- 9. Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr. THE IMPERIAL PRESIDENCY, 1975. *JK 511 125 - 84*
- 10. Tugwell, Rexford G., and Thomas E. Cronin, THE PRESIDENCY REAPPRAISED, 1975. *JK 516 782*