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Governor George C. Pardee  
Oakland, California.

My dear Governor:

Your favor of February 25th, relative to a request by Mr. G. C. C. Hewett for a copy of the preliminary report of the Earthquake Commission, has just come to hand. I will forward the request to Mr. Leuschner, the Secretary of the Commission, and if there are any copies left will have one sent to Mr. Hewett.

This request brings up the question as to whether or not the State of California desires an extra edition of the final report of the Commission, which is now in course of preparation and will shortly go to press. The Commission, being quasi-official, may be expected to supply a certain number of copies of the report to the government which created it, but inasmuch as the financing of the entire investigation and publication of the report thereon is being done by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the Commission has no control of the size of the edition. I may say that the usual edition of the Institution's publications is 1000 copies. There were 3000 copies of the preliminary report consumed, practically all in California, and it is probable that there will be a similarly active demand for the final report throughout the State. I think that the Governor at Sacramento ought to be prepared to supply this demand to a reasonable extent, and should take steps to secure

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an extra edition from the Carnegie Institution of Washington for that purpose.

I may say that in the immediate future I will be under the necessity of determining the size of the edition, and unless I hear from the authorities in California, the edition will be the usual one issued by the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Under these circumstances, may I ask you to interest yourself with the Governor at Sacramento, to the end that he may make the necessary provision for securing such copies as he may think the purposes of the government may require:

I have written a line to Governor Gillett explaining the matter briefly to him, but you understand the matter much more fully than he can be expected to, and a recommendation from you to him might help the matter along.

I am, with kind regards

Yours sincerely