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Mr. John Francis Neylan

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Phoenix, Arizona.

My dear Jack:

When Underhill was in to see me a couple of weeks ago, he said that information had been received at Berkeley to the effect that Admiral Nimitz had indicated that he was not particularly concerned about the Loyalty Oath.

How this information was received, I have no way of knowing. However, I do notice by this morning's dispatch that Nimitz is to be a speaker at the Charter Day at U.C.L.A.

That doubtless means that he will be present at the March 31st Regents' meeting.

More and more it looks as if our friends in the North are building up a group to force the Regents to back down. We will be able to talk with Nimitz on Charter Day, and I am in hopes that we can get him supporting the majority view of the Regents.

However, it is of tremendous importance that we be prepared for any surprise action at the meeting. We must make sure that both Knight and Speaker Collins are present, and that Merchant and other northern supporters are present.

I have a letter indicating that the Alumni Association is appointing a special committee to review the entire subject. To what extent this is another set-up by the Administration we have no way of knowing but I think that I shall write to the committee, and I think you should do likewise.

Hastily

Edward A. Dickson.

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