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Dear Dr. McDaniel:

For sometime I have been planning to write you but have delayed, due to a number of circumstances. From the very beginning I have been most anxious that you should be my successor in the field of Old Testament studies. When your name was first discussed among several of the faculty, I have believed that you are the kind of man that could do the job that needs to be done in this situation. I do not know you professionally, because our acquaintances have been somewhat limited. I do, however, have such sincere appreciation of you personally and the fine training that you had in Johns Hopkins. The Albright School, if I may so speak, represents the kind of evangelical scholarship that has meant the most to me in my personal studies. So I have been most enthusiastic in supporting you for the Old Testament chair here at Eastern.

I know you are concerned about succeeding me and wondering about my future. I want you to know that I am hoping to retire this year and am looking forward to getting out from under some of the load. I have enjoyed my years here at Eastern and feel deeply grateful to the Lord for the privilege of having shared with my fellow students some of the riches of the Old Testament. I want you to know that I am most enthusiastic about your coming and shall be one of the first to shake your hand and welcome you. There have been some discussions about the possibility of helping out a bit in the transition. As you no doubt know, three professors are scheduled to retire this year. I have indicated to the President, if I can be of help in this transition, I will be happy to do what I can.

During these three years, I have not changed the courses in the Old Testament Department. I have tried to pick up where Dr. Daglish left off without "rocking the boat" too much. As Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, I have been very much concerned about what we might do to improve our over all curriculum and the Old Testament area in particular. We shall be most happy to share with you some of our observations and concerns. In fact, I want you to know that I am most anxious to be helpful to you and your family in any way that I can.

I am buying a home in New Jersey, in a lovely Retirement Village and hope to move at the end of this school year, unless some need develops here at the school. Dr. Williams, Dr. Morgan and myself are buying a home in this Retirement Village. We hope to be neighbors for a number of years. We shall always be a part of Eastern and very much concerned with it's future ministry for Christ and His church.

May you have a very meaningful experience as you terminate your work with your colleagues at Kanto Gakuin University. We know that the move from there to here involves a lot on the part of you and your family. If we can be of help in any way, do not hesitate to call on us.

May you have the blessing of our Lord and the guidance of His presence as you work out these details.

Most sincerely,



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