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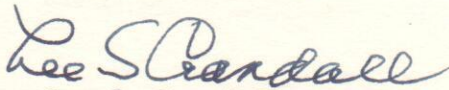
SFC Marvin L. Jones  
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Dear Marvin:

Following receipt of your letter of the 18th, we have discussed your problem thoroughly without, I am sorry to say, reaching any helpful conclusion. The sum required, as you say, is not a large one and it would seem possible to find it. However, it seems probable that the project is not large enough to attract the big foundations and the smaller ones are likely to be fully loaded. That is the case with our own Society: we are now carrying as many projects, on grants, as we can possibly manage and there is no more backing available.

No one here has been able, so far, to think of a likely source. Freeman Shelly's approach to the Philosophical Society was a good thought, which might well have been successful. I'm sorry, Marvin, that I can't be more optimistic. I am still hopeful that either Freeman or Ernest may have another inspiration. But as far as we are concerned, there doesn't seem to be anything helpful in prospect.

With best wishes,

  
Lee S. Crandall  
General Curator Emeritus

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