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Dear George:

A colleague of mine from the Department of History came in to see me yesterday to talk over a serious Library problem. He really represents a group of Professors, including Dorr, Stout, Kitchner, who are much concerned about the dearth of material which is available for graduate students in the Departments of History and Political Science in connection with their work on Master's Degree theses and other research papers.

It has occurred to these men, to Dr. Kirchner in particular, that you have very valuable material in the field of foreign relations - letters, memoranda already recorded or existing in the storehouse of your memory, reports, books, which either now or later you might be willing to give to the University. Such material would be of immense value not only to our graduate students but also to our research professors.

The thought that was thus broached found, as you may well imagine, a sympathetic and hopeful response from me. From my long association with you, I know that through the years you have had most important contacts in the diplomatic field, and I also know that you have ideas about international relations which ought to be preserved for posterity. I have hoped that ere many years should go by, you would be in a position to record in permanent form significant data, personal and impersonal, which have arisen through the tears of your diplomatic service.

That the record of your accomplishments, ideas, and intimate relations with significant world events should be preserved in the Memorial Library of the University of Delaware and that at this center such valuable material would become accessible to students in history and government, would give great satisfaction to all Delawareans. This thought, I am sure, will also strike a responsive chord in your own mind and heart, for I know how greatly attached you are both to the University and to the State.

I shall await with great interest your reaction to the suggestions either made or implied in what I have here presented to you.

Very sincerely yours,

W.O. Sypherd

*Letter in long hand
sent to him
April 7, 1957*