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Dear Miss Tarbell

I know you will regret to hear that Dr. Tolley has accepted the presidency of Syracuse University Effective Nov. 1st. They have been after him persistently, but things came to a head suddenly last Friday and he made the decision. Several of us have talked with him and I think that now most of us feel that it is a step upward for him which we have no right to block even if we could. He has done a magnificent job for us and this is his opportunity to reap the results of that Allegheny record.

Dr. Tolley saw Mrs. Pfeiffer here last Tuesday and thinks there may be a chance of her giving us another substantial sum. Dr. Tolley thinks that she is

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disposing of her main holdings and that this is the time to ask, hence his hurried visit here. He mentioned $200,000 to her and she didn't blink an eye but asked why Talley didn't get some one else to offer a substantial sum conditioned on her gift. It may not amount to anything but he thinks the chances fairly good of getting something.

This scratch-pad note I am enclosing is from Theodore Thoburn and you can destroy it after reading.

Mrs. Mills and I have spoken often of you and wondered how you are. This noon I lunched with Mr. Howell and we spoke of you.

I am with the O.P.A. and finding the work interesting. Headquarters are in the Empire State Building and our "Region" is six States.

With warmest regards

Jamie R. Mills

Syracuse told Dr. Talley to name his own contract figure. It wasn't money however that took him

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Dr. Talley thinks that Schultz can carry on until we secure a new man. He says that Schultz is in no sense a Candidate, has the respect of faculty and students and has staunchly backed the Talley policies.

It is my feeling that he was closest to Dr. Talley of any of the Faculty

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