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Governor Ben S. Paulen,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Your Excellency:

Yours relative to the removal of Mr. Small just received, in answer permit me to say that at the meeting of the local Trustee Board , June 2, on motion of Mr. Porter a Mr. Easter was put in Mr. Small's place. There was not any complaint made against Mr. Small. He came from the University of Wisconsin and University of Kansas and held the chair of mathematics in the State Industrial Department here. Mr. Easter, I think, is of one of the schools of Kansas. I felt a little uneasy over the change hut I do not like to oppose the wishes of the local Board and for that reason said nothing to the Board of Administration about it. I told Mr. Porter I was fearful of a general protest coming from Mr. Small's friends.

Some one called my office a few days ago, my clerk received the phone call, stating that you had requested that I hold Mr. Easter's contract until I heard from you. Taking it for granted that whoever was speaking had been authorized to make such a statement I am holding his contract.

I do not regard it as any serious trouble, only that someone wanted to move one to place someone else. The local Board is to have a call session here Saturday and whatever they do as you know will have to be passed by your Board of Administration before I will issue any contract.

I trust you will rest assured, Governor, there will be nothing done here in haste without the full consent and approval of your Board of Administration. I am in touch daily with Dr. Huffman and in every even minor problem I will get in touch with Mr. Shrack.

Very truly yours,

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