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My dear Wilder,

In reply to your letter of May 20th. with the tentative draft to Convery. I thought it wise to mention the matter to the Principal as I saw him shortly after its receipt.

My first reaction was to ask myself whether there was enough ground to accomodate such a building without encroachment upon the entrance to Douglas Hall and the Stadium. This, however, would be a matter of the ground area, which could only be determined with a tentative plan. Secondly I wondered whether the R.V.H. could carry the increased number of beds in regard to nursing, orderlies, maids, etc. I presume this matter has been discussed with Dr. Stephens. The Principal's reaction was the same as mine - that it would do no harm to proceed with negotiations, but final decisions could only be arrived at after architectural plans were more mature and the R.V.H. approached in regard to their participation.

Therefore I see no reason why you should not carry on an unofficial discussion with Convery along the lines you suggest.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J. Meadus*  
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