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*To Joshua & Esther Lederberg.
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1-14-59*

Copy of handwritten letter to President C. A. Elvehjem from
Karl Paul Link on the Bascom Hill Woods issue.

mission's intent to rape the Bascom Woods. The letter to the C. T.
(1-3-59) by that U. W. Senior made me cry.

J. C. Bradley has put forth one of the crucial arguments
against the plan. A buffer zone is needed to preserve the woods.
Take away the buffer --- the rest will go in time.

Unfortunately memories are frequently short. I fear that those
Regents who think that the proposed building(s) for that slope could
be put up "around the trees" have already forgotten the ruthless ex-
termination committed by Gallistel's boys where the commerce build-
ing now stands. That was a sad day for the University. Is this pattern
to be repeated under you?

I note that the Regents P-C has neither a poet, writer, artist
nor a philosopher as a member. The plan proposed should not be
regarded as a sacred thing. The process through which it was evolved
is nothing to be worshipped. Even the engineering aspects are severely
vulnerable. Locating more buildings on a slope serviced by a couple
of hilly lanes and a hair-pin turn is NOT COMMON SENSE.

You have much popularity and prestige within and outside the
state Connie - especially among the alumni. And this rightly so.
Why not show the people that you can be a leader to carry us FORWARD.
Come out against this barbaric plan to turn Bascom Woods over to the
chain-saw and the bull-dozer.

It would appear to me that here is your first big chance as
President of the University to be evaluated. History will adjudge you
as having been either a hero or a bum on this issue. As usual,

Cordially yours,

/s/ Karl Paul Link

Monday 1/5/59 at 6:00 A. M.

P. S. I sent a copy of this to Don & Bill.