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Mr. Robert Ridgway
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My dear Mr. Ridgway:

As a member of the National Institute of Social Sciences, you will be interested in knowing that definite plans have been made for the work of the National Institute during the coming year. At the recent meeting of the Council, it was decided that the Institute should have three meetings during the coming year, two in addition to the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting which is regularly held on the third Friday of January is to have two sessions instead of one and the dinner will be given as usual.

The publications of the Institute will be enriched by the increased number of meetings and possibly by the printing of the results of Special Research. Plans are under consideration for the accomplishment of this increase in the publications.

You may perhaps have noticed that the Institute at its last Annual Meeting approved of a Liberty Service Medal which a Special Committee has designed and which will be presented to a limited number of persons who render humanity conspicuous sevices of a non-military character. Three awards have been made of the Liberty Medal, the first to Grayson P. Murphy, the second to Miss Nutting of New York, and the third to Governor Holcomb of Connecticut.

The National Institute through its regular Medal Committee will in the future as in the past award the Institute's Gold Medal and Presentation Medal to those whose services for humanity or for science have made them especially worthy of recognition. The Institute has been very careful in selecting medalists and that policy will prevail in the future.

The present active membership is about 800. The Council has limited the membership to 1200. It is the desire of the Council to bring into the membership of the Institute those who are especially worthy of membership, and I am writing this letter with the approval of the Council to inquire whether you may desire to nominate to the Council one or more persons for consideration as members of the Institute. It is felt that the privilege of suggesting members to the Institute should be exercised by the present members in order that the present high standard of membership may be fully maintained.

When you write to nominate one or more members, I hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity of suggesting what activities you think the Institute ought to undertake, and of giving the Council the benefit of your views as to the plans by which the Institute can be made of greatest service to the country.

Very truly yours

Edwin R. Johnson

President

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