February 1st, 1896.

William R. Harper, Esq., President,

My Dear Sir:

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My belief is that if a committee of three or five gentlemen interested in the foundation of a law department at the University of Chicago were designated by you, they could secure subscriptions of fifteen thousand dollars a year for five years. I hope very much that the new department may be established by next Fall. If I can be of any service, I shall be pleased to be called upon.

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