December 31st, 1903.

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War Department, Washington, D. C.

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My dear Doctor Harper:

I find myself in a little uncertainty about what is expected of me at Chicago on the 22nd of February. You spoke of a banquet and also, I think, of a meeting in the afternoon, and my impression is that it was at that meeting you asked me to speak. Am I right in this? If so, please tell me something about the meeting. Are there to be other speakers? How long and how formal a speech is expected?

If, however, it is at the banquet that I am to speak, how many speakers are there to be on that occasion and how long are the speeches expected to be?

I have a letter from Judge Emory Speer saying that he is to be one of the speakers at the banquet and wishing to know whether it would be appropriate for him to make "The President" or the "Presidential Office" the topic of his speech. A little more familiarity than I have with the character of the occasion and of the kind of speeches that have been made in the past is required to answer his question. Do you mind telling me what you think about it, so that I can tell the Judge?

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Doctor William R. Harper,

President, Chicago University,

Chicago, Illinois.
WAR DEPARTMENT.
WASHINGTON.

October 26, 1908.

To dear Doctor Harrow:

Find enclosed a little scrap story about what is expected of us.

We are going to have the meeting on the 26th of February. You spoke of a speech and also, I think, of a meeting in the afternoon. My impression is that it was or that meeting was scheduled for 2 p.m. Is there a speech scheduled for the afternoon? Has anything about the meeting been announced? Are there to be other speakers? Has any speech been expected to be?

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Yours faithfully,

W. F. Harper,
President, Chicago University.
Chicago, Illinois.
Feb. 10, 1904.

Hon. Elihu Root,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the volume of War Department reports covering the period following the war with Spain, mentioned in your letter of January 30th.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. R. Harper
My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the notice of your letter of January 30th regarding the appointment of the new Minister of Defence to the Board. I am informed in your letter of January 30th that I am to be transferred to the new Minister of Defence.

Thanking you for your communication in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

W.R. Herbert
January 30, 1904.

My dear Sir:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a volume which brings together, as one book, and with a single index, the five War Department reports covering the period following the war with Spain, and presenting in that form an authentic history of that period. I think you will probably find it convenient for reference.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Secretary of War.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper,
Chicago University,
Chicago, Ill.
February 23, 1901

Hon. Elihu Root,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Root:

Owing to the illness of President Harper, he is unable to write on the subject of this letter and requests me to write in his place. We are anxious to have you honor us by giving the Convocation address here June 17th next. This is the occasion of our principal graduating exercises at which we give degrees in all branches of the University. The special occasion also is the dedication of the new Law School building. For this and other obvious reasons, we should feel exceedingly gratified if you could see your way clear to favoring us in this way. Chicago knows you already as an orator from your very instructive address a year ago. We feel that the occasion of next June may be one on which an important presentation of views from yourself would reach immediately a very large of our people. If you can find it possible to consider the matter, I should be glad to write you further about details.

Very truly yours,
My dear Mr. Root:

New York City, N.Y.

To the influence of practical helpers,

I am unable to write on the subject of this letter and refer to you the article in the press. We are anxious to have your views as to whether the committee on the association of our principal executive committee and the executive committee of the University are entitled to the consideration of the new law school. We can see the necessity of immediate action and are anxious to have your views on this matter. We should be glad to receive your further suggestions.

Very truly yours,
Chicago, March 13, 1912.

My dear Senator Root:

Thank you very much for the copy of your speech on the Lorimer case. The whole situation is very painful, but the right thing should be done regardless of consequences.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

H. P. Judson

Hon. Elihu Root,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.
Office of War Procurement

My dear Senator Hook:

Thank you very much for the copy of your
speech on the Norfolk case. The more attention to such matters
the better they should be given regardance of consequences.

With sincere regards.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Ho. R. Frank Root
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.