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Dear Allen:

A number of leading citizens of the State of Vermont are engaged in a unique enterprise. That enterprise is to close out a State educational institution - to wit, the Lyndon Teachers College - into a private liberal arts college to be called Lyndon College. This unique reversion from a government institution to a private one has been made possible by the planning of three men. They are the Governor, F. Ray Keyser, Jr.; the present president of Lyndon Teachers College, Dr. Robert Long; and a son-in-law of mine, Henry P. Balivet of Danville, Vermont.

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The Vermont Legislature has passed a law making it possible to transfer the physical assets of the teachers college to the new institution on the most favorable terms and to give it continued support during the transition period. As regards the latter, it will pay the expenses of the freshman class of the teachers college entering this September, together with the class graduating next June, and will likewise pay for the support of the class graduating in June 1963. This gives us time to turn around, though that time is none too long.

One of the unusual features of the proposed liberal arts college is indicated in Article I of the Articles of Incorporation, copy of which is enclosed herewith. Other features will be discussed in succeeding meetings of the Corporation, the first of which will be held on Saturday, August 26, at 11 a.m. at the Burklyn campus of the College at Lyndonville, Vermont. Your interest is urgently requested in support of this new undertaking.

We conceive of the highest scholastic type of education we have in mind as being an end in itself for many students, but of its being likewise the best possible preparation for post-graduate work in such fields as business, education and government.

A number of responsible citizens have joined in incorporating this new institution. Among them are the President Emeritus of Dartmouth, Dr. Ernest M. Hopkins; President of the Howard National Bank of Burlington, Vermont, Mr. William Lockwood; the retired

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president of National Carbide & Carbon, Joseph C. Davidson; myself and many others. The list includes three of the trustees of the University of Vermont. Another keenly interested incorporator is Stanley deJ. Osborne, President of Olin Mathieson, whose wife came from Calédonia County, Vermont, and whose Vermont connections get more intimate with the years.

I am writing you specifically to urge your attendance at the meeting Saturday. Schedules for Northeast Airlines show plane connections to Montpelier by way of Boston or Lebanon from New York and Washington, either for morning or afternoon. You would be met at Montpelier. An alternative is the Washingtonian, a train which has a car leaving on the 4 p.m. Congressional from Washington and leaving New York at 8:25 p.m. This arrives at Montpelier Junction at the inconvenient hour of 5:55 a.m., but it is often conveniently late.

I hope the problems of transportation will not overweigh in your mind the reality of the great opportunity which this project opens out to us.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph E. Flanders

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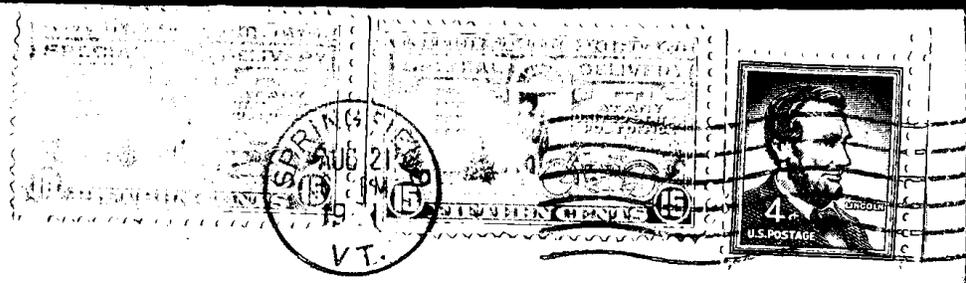
DRAFT ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE LYNDON COLLEGE CORPORATION

ARTICLE I

Profoundly aware of the accelerating pace of change within the memory of those now living and the consequent threat of material growth to values we had believed immutable, we subscribed incorporators reject the concept that moral principles can be relative and reaffirm our faith in the enduring values of our tradition, while recognizing that they demand constant renewal and development if they are to serve the future. We propose, in order to contribute to a conscience in harmony with belief in God, an institution of higher learning, unencumbered by the non-essential, which will foster in our time and for the future the sound intellectual development of those who would carry into their lives and the lives of others the best traditions of western civilization, seeking always to balance wholesome pride in these traditions with the strength of humility, freed from provincialism, and witnessing to man's responsible service to other men and to society. We therefore associate ourselves together under the laws of the State of Vermont as the Corporation of Lyndon College, to establish, operate, and maintain an institution of higher learning providing instruction in the arts and sciences, and, against the background of the Judeo-Christian heritage, in moral principles, under such policies as may from time to time be established by the Trustees of the Corporation.

ARTICLE II

The corporation shall be exclusively educational and is not organized for profit. It shall have neither capital stock nor shareholders. No incorporator, member, trustee, officer or



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