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Dear Paul:

I wish that you could have been with us last Thursday for the final meeting of the committee. The report as written was adopted, except that we were able to knock out some of the Department's policy statements that they were trying to get us to make for them.

It turned out that some of the others had caught items like the endorsement of the blue book statement and the Doane committee report. A show of hands revealed that only two persons on the committee had seen the Doane report, but the report showed that the committee was "in complete agreement with it."

Frankly, I think the report as written will be carefully filed. I think it already has been determined that a nominal Office of Information, with a very small visible personnel, will be set up. Then Extension Service will be built into the official information arm of the department. Naturally this will meet with a lot of opposition and they may not be able to achieve it fully.

In any case, I think that the administration has pretty well lost the initiative on this matter, and don't expect much to come of the report one way or another. As far as the magazine sub-committee is concerned, you might describe it as a 3-D flop — Deering, Deitemeyer, and Disappointment.

Cordially,

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Editor

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