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Dr. E. F. Castetter, Vice-President

Edwin E. Stein, Dean

Albuquerque, Youth Symphony

In a memorandum, September 9, 1957, I made several recommendations regarding the University and the Youth Symphony. Your memorandum to the President, September 30, 1957, indicated that some financial support for 1958 was agreed upon.

Recently the Public School Administration has been pressing for our decision on the other recommendations in my memorandum, namely:

That the University of New Mexico and the Albuquerque Public Schools officially recognize and co-sponsor the Youth Symphony Orchestra.

That the President of the University and the Superintendent of the Public Schools create a board of control made up of University and Public School personnel, with authority to determine policy and operation of this activity.

I believe there is good reason for us to have official affiliation with the schools and the orchestra.

As I understand it, Dr. Spain has placed the Public Schools' responsibility regarding the orchestra, in the hands of Dr. Turpin, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. In my opinion a five-man Board to supervise the policies of the orchestra might well consist of: (1) the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Schools, (2) the Supervisor of Music in the Public Schools, (3) the Dean of the College of Fine Arts, (4) the Head of the Music Department, (5) and perhaps the President of the Albuquerque Civic Symphony. I have no particular brief for this selection, but it may assist the President in his thinking if he cares for us to have such a working relationship with the Public Schools in this matter. I believe the President could, if he wishes, dispense with most of this through a telephone call to Dr. Spain, and subsequent letters of appointment here on campus. There are a number of problems regarding the orchestra which need the attention of such an Advisory Board.

I shall be happy to pursue this matter in any way you and the President advise.

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