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March 31, 1949

Mr. John Rhoden
 c/o Department of Sculpture
 Columbia University
 New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rhoden:

A James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation has been organized by some of the leading citizens of America to commemorate the life and works of the late Dr. James E. Shepard (1873-1947), Founder-President of North Carolina College at Durham, Durham, North Carolina.

It is anticipated that in conjunction with the Foundation, a life-size bronze statue on a pedestal will be placed at a strategic point on the college campus. Details are now being studied along this line.

You have been mentioned favorably as the sculptor to be considered for the project. If you are interested and have some suggestions as to an appropriate type of statue and the approximate cost, kindly let us hear from you at the earliest possible moment. This information is needed in our planning.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,



Marion S. Johnson
 Alumni Secretary

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