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June 4, 1984

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you so very much for your letter of May 25, regarding the momentous question of coeducation which the Washington and Lee Board of Directors will be facing in July.

I have just come back from the May Board of Directors meeting in Lexington, during which the report on coeducation made by the standing committees of the Board were discussed in great detail. Also considered in great detail were the alumni opinions as addressed in both their letters and in the recent survey of alumni opinion, done by the Southeastern Institute of Research.

As the Board faces this many faceted, delicate, mind boggling decision, you can be sure that each member will make that decision upon one basis only: the desire that the University be strong, so that it can continue to transmit the ennobling Washington and Lee experience to generation upon generation of leaders for our world. I believe that the desires of the alumni and the desires of the Board of Directors are identical, and that we will all go forward together, whatever the decision may be in July.

I greatly appreciate your taking the time to express your views.

Sincerely,

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