

Grand Hotel, Yokohama -
31st December, 1898 -

Count Okuma Shigenobu.,
Waseda, Tokyo -

Your Excellency: -

Will you permit me to trouble you once more
with a matter connected with the Doshisha University?

I saw Mr. Yokoi this afternoon, and he informed
me that all except three of the board of trustees had
resigned, and that these three, including himself,
intended to resign later, but had remained on the
board temporarily for the purpose of electing the new
trustees - He, very properly, wishes that the new
trustees shall be nominated by the founders, the
Japanese founders being represented by Your Excellency,
Mr. Shibusawa and Mr. Hava, and the American
founders by the Committee of which I am a member.

I think that it was Mr. Yokoi's first idea that these
two committees should make up separate lists of
names selected for election on the new board, and
from these independent lists, the old trustees re-
maining would elect the new board - I suggested
that this arrangement might lead to a result
which would not be wholly satisfactory, and
that I felt that it was better that the founders

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should act together and make up one list of names to be sent in to the old board for election. He seemed to assent to this, and asked me to see and consult with your Excellency, saying that he had already had a consultation with you -

I know that your Excellency's time is much taken up at this season, but may I ask if you can find it convenient to grant me an interview, either at Tokyo or Oiso, when I may receive your advice in the matter referred to -

I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to you both at Waseda and at Oiso, since it is my desire to consult with your Excellency as soon as possible -

I have the honor to be,

Yours, with great respect,

N.W. M. Zoro
