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Mr. Hughston McBain, Chairman of the Board
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Dear Mr. McBain:

We have found that thoughtful business men have felt a need to "get away" from the office, the telephone and the responsibilities and pressures that go with these things. There is a vital need to "retreat" to an isolated place and there with other men reflect on and discuss the great truths, moral laws and principles by which true libertarians can live their lives.

Such a "retreat" is planned for the weekend of October 10-12 at the YMCA camp near Davenport, Iowa. The idea of "getting away" to discuss the philosophy of freedom has had a great appeal for those few with whom we have discussed it. A scholarly leadership is assured because Leonard E. Read, President of the Foundation for Economic Education, and Rev. Edmund Opitz, Head of the Conference Program of Spiritual Mobilization, are coming from New York and Los Angeles, respectively, to assist us. Wm. Grede, President of the National Council of YMCA's and also President of the NAM, is taking time out of his busy schedule to attend.

Leonard Read suggested that such a conference would appeal to you, and we know you could make a real contribution to the understanding of the group which will consist of about thirty business men. We are very hopeful that you can get away from your business problems for a weekend to relax with us in surroundings that are anything but luxurious, but conducive to deep and constructive thought. Our plan is to start with dinner on Friday evening and continue through Saturday and Sunday noon lunch.

As Rev. Opitz said in his acceptance letter, because of the nature of the subject it is very important that participants come at the beginning and stay through to the end. So, we are very hopeful that you can do this.

Mr. Hughston McBain

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We do not need to know yet if you can come, but we will be telling you more about the program as it develops. It would be helpful to know what you think of the "retreat" idea and if you have any suggestions on conference subject matter.

This conference is not sponsored by any organization. A few individuals with a bias toward freedom are working out the plan.

Very truly yours,

C.W.A.

C. W. Anderson
Executive Vice President

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Leonard: A similar letter was also sent to Ben Moreell and Bradford Smith.

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cc: Leonard E. Read
Edmund Opitz