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Dear Dr. Krieger:

I have nothing to quarrel with in your draft report of November 19th. However, I would have said more about the responsibilities of departments and schools to provide for the needs of graduate students.

Beyond our mandate, I would still say that it should be a matter of <u>policy</u> that senior faculty play a major role in introductory college teaching -- not drill courses which should be minimal anyhow.

As for September 1980 I hope you set a definite date early enough that I can firmly plant it on my calendar.

My own suggestion for topic is "the criterion for the Ph.D. dissertation/degree". At most institutions this has gradually deteriorated; I have no information about Yale. The Rockefeller University will be doing some self-study this year on related questions, even whether to replace the Ph.D. with a more senior research qualification.

Yours sincerely

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