

Salt Lake City, Utah
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Board of Regents
University of Utah
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Dear Sirs:

The women of Salt Lake City believe that there is nothing of more vital importance to the growth and aesthetic development of this once beautiful city and healthful climate than the removal of the smoke pall which buries our city for a large part of each year.

We have watched, with hope, the years of governmental investigations of means for smoke removal, and especially the chemical engineering and economic studies of Mr. L. C. Karrick, during his direction of the federal government's investigations of ways to produce smokeless fuels from our coal deposits in this state. All of the scientific and technologic work on the Utah coals has now been completed under the active direction of the government engineers. It is gratifying indeed that you are now tendered these significant results in the form of a perpetual endowment for the University of Utah.

This is recognized as the scientific age, and our great hope is that you, as the regents of this great University of Utah, will not permit this splendid opportunity to be lost, but will seize this occasion to apply the results of these years of researches, by immediately creating a Utah Research Foundation which will bring to Utah many rich and beneficial rewards. We are very pleased to note that your investigating committee has strongly recommended in their report that the proposed Utah Research Foundation be formed now, and that the Utah coal products and processes for producing them be made one of the most important justifications for forming the Research Foundation.

Knowing that Mr. Karrick has generously offered the University of Utah the gift of his many patents and processes for the production of smokeless fuels and other valuable products from coals as a perpetual endowment for the institution, and knowing too that the University of Utah is greatly handicapped for funds for proper growth and operating expenses, and also, believing that greedy and insidious lobby of powerful interests would expeditiously destroy what has already been accomplished at great expense in time and money in these Utah researches, we urge that you now take the necessary steps to protect the results of Mr. Karrick's work on Utah's coals and hydro-carbons, accomplished while serving as a government engineer, by creating the proposed Utah Research Foundation under the plan of your committee's report, sections A and B. We note from this report that the Wisconsin Research Foundation has been deriving a revenue of \$1,000.00 per day for their institution, meanwhile rendering a vast public service.

Thus, by creating this Foundation, you are able to utilize your high duty to the youth of this State by preparing the way for a greater State University, also much finer living conditions in our cities and state. Without your favorable action it is very probable that the selfish designing interests will continue to obstruct the many advantages that are rightfully ours and which have been awaiting our application for the past five or six years.

In rendering your important decision, you should take into consideration that, - (1) Utah has in her coals the largest commercial oil supply in the United States, which is at stake! (2) By treating the coals to produce oils, an inexpensive smokeless fuel is formed which is excellently adapted to all types of household heating appliances, and will completely solve the smoke problem! (3) Also, a by-product gas is formed, a superior product to the important natural gas which would provide a perpetual supply of this valuable home product. (4) Electricity will become a low-priced by-product of this coal-products industry.

These products could be profitably produced now and create permanent employment for a large amount of Utah labor. Also it will prevent the current loss of \$15,000 daily (\$5,000,000 per year) which is now expended to purchase the imported oil and natural gas. Of even greater importance, is the health hazard from the atmospheric pollution caused by smoke during much of the year, and the \$5,000,000 of annual damage to property, which disgraceful nuisances and obstructions to progress will become a thing of the past through the operation of a Utah Research Foundation.

We, therefore, urgently request your wholehearted support of the proposed Foundation at the University of Utah, and we in turn assure your honorable body the full support of the women of Salt Lake City in this project.

Respectfully yours,

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