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Dr. Wm R. Harper, President,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.,

My dear sir:

Yesterday, John D. Rockefeller gave over a million dollars to the University of Chicago. We secured the news from one of the afternoon papers, yet your college paper had it in print even before the local papers here, or The Associated Press, had the slightest intimation that such a magnificent donation had been made.

Some time ago you promised me you would always furnish us official information concerning the University, and especially donations. The facts are, we did not get this news until 2:30, and it reached the papers throughout the country in a condensed form, and it was too late for many of the papers,

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I was very greatly surprised to get your
letter of March twenty-third. There must be some mistake.

Your representative came to my house, I saw him personally and
assured him the material would be given him the very moment it
came from the press. The manuscript of everything was at that
time in the printer's hands. I gave my Secretary particular di-
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We had only one copy of Sternberg's address ^{and} when your representa-
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My dear President Harper:

Your secretary deliberately "turned down" yesterday (if I may be allowed to use the slang phrase) the News Editor of The Associated Press, one of the best men in this service, and refused to give him a copy of Baron von Sternberg's address, which, by the way, had already been given out in advance at Washington.

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