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April 22, 1956

Mr. R. M. Garrison,
State Department of Education,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Garrison:

I have a letter from Mr. A. J. Gibson in Charleston, W.Va., whom I had consulted with regard to the requirements for accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He tells me that a school must first be accredited with the accrediting agency of its own state, and he suggests that I write to you.

This summer we shall move our school into the neighborhood of Dayton, Ohio. This will mean an expansion. Here, we have never had more than a dozen pupils at any one time, usually from outside the state. Transfers have been made by long reports on our parts, and the schools to which our pupils transferred have always enrolled them on the grade level we suggested, and the pupils have always done well on that level.

In Dayton it looks as if the initial enrollment was going to be forty, possibly even seventy, the big majority day pupils. While here, we felt accreditation would be more of a mere advertising item, rather than a necessity, and consequently we have never applied. We have been operating since 1947. In Dayton, accreditation will be of genuine pedagogic significance. This is why I should like to have your advice even before we have moved.

I am thinking especially of possible regulations you may have, which we might meet as soon as we begin to build, or which we could plan to meet as the expansion progresses, which we hope to make by gradual steps only.

If you should think it desirable that I call at your office, I can come to Columbus at your convenience. Meanwhile you may have some suggestions in writing, and you may be able to let me have your regulations and requirements, for study. I enclose one of our little folders.

Very sincerely yours,

Fritz Marti