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Dr. Robert L. Savage, President
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Dear Bob:

I am glad to accept the request of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Political Science Association to serve as chairperson of the editorial board for the first issue of the proposed journal.

In line with our telephone conversation, I offer these observations. I would be reluctant to do much in the way of planning, organizing, soliciting papers, etc., until I can be told firmly that the money is in hand. For example, I don't think it would make sense to solicit articles, reproduce them, and distribute them for review by an editorial board. If we begin to do that now, but do not in fact publish for another fifteen months or two years, then potentially a lot of people will have invested time for nothing, the articles reviewed may no longer be current, or they may have been submitted somewhere else in the meantime, or we might be the reason they were not submitted somewhere else in the meantime. One of the advantages of having the project done out of my office is that there would be some staff assistance available; however, I do not want to see the staff here spend time in false starts and wasted efforts.

I have a similar reservation about establishing an editorial board before the money is in hand. If the Executive Board should wish to proceed, probably at this point in the life of our state association we ought to be sensitive to geographical and institutional balance. Perhaps, too, there are scholars who have not been in the front lines of the association but who would be very good for an editorial board assignment. I would want Walter Nunn involved in the project in some official capacity to be responsible for production aspects of the project.

My parting thought: when the money's in hand, it can all happen.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joel".

Joel Anderson
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