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My dear Miss Nevins:

I am delighted to hear that you are to have a Silver Anniversary for President Brandenburg and hope to be present. He has done a splendid work and I am more than delighted with it.

You asked me as to how we came to select him. We wanted a practical school man, young and with as wide an experience and outlook as possible, to head that Manual Training and Domestic Arts and Sciences that were to be emphasized there. We also realized that school would train many teachers for that industrial section and we wanted a man who was thoroughly democratic in his contact with people and who would set an example for the teachers to go out into those mining communities. We also wanted a man who would be able to lead that great Southeastern bunch of School men who were then outstanding in the state.

With these qualifications in mind we all went to the National Education Association meeting at Salt Lake and studied the men, many of them, and unanimously agreed upon President Brandenburg.

Yours very truly,
Ed T. Hackney
Senator Twenty-Sixth Dist.
(State of Kansas)
Wellington, Kansas

(NOTE: Senator Hackney was a member of the Board of Administration that first employed President Brandenburg.)

THE SENATE CHAMBER
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Dellinger:—

I have your letter of January 7th. From other mutual friends I have been hearing of the Silver Jubilee which your Committee is planning to hold for Dr. W. A. Brandenburg. I have told them all, as I now find it my unpleasant duty to tell you that the pressure of official business here makes it impossible for me to run out to Kansas for that occasion though I would very much like to do so. I have been proud to count Dr. Brandenburg among my very best friends and know of the outstanding and constructive work he has done at the State Teachers College. I am deeply appreciative of your thinking of me as the speaker at the exercises on Friday morning, March 18th, and sincerely regret I cannot accept.

I trust this finds you well and happy. May the New Year be full of continued success for the Pittsburg State Teachers College.

Cordially yours,
Arthur Capper