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Dear Willis:

Thank you for your letter of 28 July. I'm pleased that you agree with me re the best program category for your research project. After reviewing the booklet again, I'm not sure that the best title for me would be Consultant. Dr. Herren can advise you about this.

After having more time to think about my services, I feel that I should give about a month each year to directing the project--perhaps, not all in one "sitting." Another way of looking at it would be to expect 100 days over the three-year project. About the stipend, I'm still not sure about the exact amount. Judging from the Distinguished Professorships I've been offered as an emerita professor and the lectures I've given, it appears that \$5,000.00 per month is about the norm for a senior professor. That would come to the basic stipend of \$60,000 a year, I assume. My salary for my last year at Harvard was considerably (please keep confidential), but Harvard salaries undoubtedly are higher than most institutions. To summarize, your budget could indicate the \$5,000 per month (plus travel, etc. expenses) over the three-year period.

I should think your estimate of about \$75,000 for the three-year period is good. You'll have to pay research assistants, secretaries, etc. It depends upon the amount of money UM takes for "Indirect Costs" or Overhead.

One other matter--it might be wise to broaden your subject to include the teaching of music on secondary-school levels in addition to the history of NANM. I rather suspect that the legendary high-school teachers were members of NANM--for example, Walter Dyett in Chicago, Alonzo Lewis at Lincoln High in Kansas City, the bandman at Sumner in St. Louis, etc. In any event, a broadened subject might win more brownie points for you. Re the format, I should expect the book would consist of the narrative history plus oral histories.

I think I've covered all your points. Best wishes for success when you meet your NANM board.

Cordially,

Allen