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Dear Prof. Potts:

The color science program operated at Rensselaer under the direction of Prof. Billmeyer has gained for your Institute a strong reputation among color scientists for the quality of its work.

Because I understand that you are now considering long-range planning for the period through 1984 when Prof. Billmeyer will reach mandatory retirement age, I urge that you include strengthening of the work in color science in your plans. We need a place to which we can direct top quality students toward full academic training that will enable them to become leaders in the further development and understanding of the many problems in color science that today remain unsolved. Somewhere we need a place to develop leaders in colorimetry of the caliber of the late Deane B. Judd and R.M. Evans, and of present leaders like W.D. Wright, E.I. Stearns, Gunter Wyszecki, Henry Hemmendinger, and your own Prof. Billmeyer.

Chemistry, physics, psychology, psycho-physics - all are required and should be interrelated in the successful education of the color scientist. Yet the chief impetus can come from any one of these academic disciplines - as in the case of your own department of chemistry.

I sincerely hope you will be able to find a way to work out a solid future for a growing and effective Rensselaer color science program. It could have great impact upon the future of color science, and in so doing add luster to the name of your Institute.

As one example of the wide range of research studies in colorimetry covered by the work of just one recent color scientist, I enclose a list of publications and reports by Deane B. Judd published in the international color journal, *DIE FARBE* in 1974.

You have a great thing going; I hope you will capitalize on it for the future.

Yours very sincerely,

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(Color Technologist, Retired)

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