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To Members of the Faculty:

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Arnold Alberty as Dean of the School of Science and Professor of Chemistry, effective February 1. He has been Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin since 1963.

Dr. Alberty is a distinguished scholar whose contributions on the application of physical chemistry to biological problems have been notable. He is also an experienced administrator. I am sure the strengths that he will bring to the School of Science will be of great significance to the future of the Institute.

Born in Winfield, Kansas, on June 21, 1921, Dr. Alberty attended schools in Lincoln, Nebraska, and received B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Nebraska in 1943 and 1944. He then went to the University of Wisconsin to engage in war-time work on the fractionation of plasma proteins and in 1947 received the Ph.D. degree after further research on the electrophoresis of gamma globulins. He became an Instructor in the Chemistry Department in 1947, an Assistant Professor in 1948, Associate Professor in 1950, Professor in 1956 and Associate Dean of Letters and Science in 1962.

Dr. Alberty's research has been concerned with the fractionation of plasma proteins, electrophoresis of proteins, ionization constants and complexing constants of substances of biological importance, enzyme kinetics, deuterium tracer experiments, nuclear magnetic resonance and very fast reactions in solutions. In 1950-51 he was a Guggenheim Fellow at the California Institute of Technology, working on the physical chemistry of enzymes under Professor Linus Pauling, and in 1955 he was a Visiting Lecturer on the Physical Chemistry of Enzymes at the University of California. He spent the spring semester of 1961 at the Max Planck Institute in Gottingen, Germany.

Dr. Alberty is co-author, with Professor Farrington Daniels, of Physical Chemistry (third edition, 1966) and, with Professors Daniels, Williams, Bender and Cornwell, of Experimental Physical Chemistry (sixth edition, 1962). He received the Eli Lilly Award in Biological Chemistry in 1955. He was made a member of the National Academy of Sciences in 1965, was a member of the National Science Foundation Panel for Molecular Biology in 1958-61 and the National Institutes of Health Panel for Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry, 1962-66. He is currently director of a National Academy of Sciences study of post-doctoral education in the United States. He has been a member of the American Chemical Society Committee on Professional Training since 1965, is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the American Chemical Society and is a member of the ACS, Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Lambda Upsilon and Alpha Chi Sigma.

Dr. Alberty's wife is the former Lillian Jane Wind. They have three children.

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