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Mr. Isaac Kashdan c/o Jewish Community Bldg. 590 N. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90004

Dear Kash:

Bill Addison and I have discussed your letter of January 25th regarding junior activities and the 1968 Junior State Championship.

We have concluded that northern California has nothing like your Youth Services program. We think that high school and junior chess can be developed, however. There are high school teams and school tournaments, but there is no direction from organized chessplayers.

There should be an organizer, and for this Bill will volunteer. There must be direction, and Bill can't do this so we would have to find someone. He would be a keen player, he would be interested in youth, and he would have to be able to devote a set number of hours per week in teaching, supervision, etc., plus the required hours of preparation.

Bill says that Carroll M. Capps would fill the requirements. He retired from business ten or so years ago in order to write. He has done well in tournaments. Three years ago he accepted the presidency of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League, a position he still holds. He has done good work in numerous Mechanics' Institute events, although he prefers to play rather than direct.

Bill thinks that Capps can be had for \$50 per week. He figures that the time the director spends on an original nine high schools, paying regular visits, would work out at a reasonable per-hour rate of pay. In addition, there would be a need for about 12 chess sets for each school.

If Mrs. Piatigorsky wishes, we can set up a very good program here. No doubt other centers outside of San Francisco would then be interested in joining the program.

As for the Junior Championship, we would prefer that you hold it again. As yet there are not enough juniors here to make it worth-while.

Cordially,

Guthrie McClain

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