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Mr. H. J. Ralston
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Dear Sir:

You will remember our conversation at Atascadero, relative to the proposed match between Mechanics Inst. and our combined team, which, for the present, will represent the Northern Calif. Chess Association. This association has been formed for the purpose of organizing a team for this and future matches with your club. Other functions may be attempted later.

You will be doing us a favor, by giving us a list of acceptable dates, beginning with Sept. 20th. That seems to be about the earliest we can get a team organized. Also, we would like to know your preference as to number of boards. I think that we can bring a maximum of 25. However, as I recall, 25 crowds you a bit. If you have sufficient table space for 25 boards, we will bring enough men and boards to fill out.

An early reply will be appreciated, as you will know from experience, the difficulty in organizing a team by mail from several different cities.

I am convinced that these matches will do a great deal for chess in the "hinterlands", and should provide entertainment and a few interesting games for your club.

Thank you,

M. J. Austin