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Dear Robin,

I was delighted to receive the offer from Davidson. Thank you ever so much for your warm note welcoming me. After my visit to the campus in January I left thinking what an extraordinary place it was in terms of the faculty and staff. Never have I met such a diverse and interesting group of individuals in that small a circumference. My impression began with my meeting you and Ann Lee the first evening, and I can't tell you how grateful I was and am for your honest remarks about the College and the community. I was able to understand that there are some "ways things are done" at Davidson, and also that you and others could work there enthusiastically and fruitfully.

I am looking forward to being your colleague and I hope I will be able to rely on your advice and experience for a thousand questions I'm sure I will have in my coming first year. If I may say so, I already feel I have two real friends at Davidson in you and Ann Lee.

I am hoping to arrive in early August, so that I can get settled somewhere before the Fall term begins. Will you be there this summer? In any case, I will look forward to seeing you by its end. (On Malcom Lester's advice I have written the Business Manager, Robert Currie, about housing. Perhaps if I have questions about this or about administrative procedures, I can write you again?) Thank you again for your thoughtful note, and please give my thanks to Ann Lee for her support and humor.

Warm regards,

Susan Keefs