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To: Rolland Bushner
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1. Hope arrangements for Brig. Hunt come through so that I haven't had Omaha members mark their calendar in vain.
2. Attendance for Unwin meeting: 23 members, one guest, speaker: Total of 25.

After a news conference at the airport, I took Mr. Unwin on a drive around Omaha, which he seemed to enjoy. We traded tales on home remodeling.

Mr. Unwin's formal remarks, from a prepared text, were not stunningly delivered, though the points he made were thought-provoking. He was quite personable in informal conversations with members before and after the meeting; and he handled questions directly, often with just the right touch of humor where needed.

Sample questions: Who's going to win the next election? Answer: I'd put my money on the Tories by a whisker at this time. Couldn't some of Britain's monetary problems be solved by expropriating the monarchy? (asked somewhat facetiously) Answer: Would the U. S. continue investing in a country expropriating the monarchy? Is the U.K. turning its back on the U. S.? Answer: Bilaterally, yes; as a mainstay of the Atlantic Alliance, no (elaboration). What difficulties remain (because of class and school differences) between management and technical personnel in Britain? Answer: Class consciousness remains, but it is being eroded as the authority for decision-making in business. (He gave the example of the merger of GE and British Electric where the new management is "bashing privilege in the head.") To what extent is U.K. thinking of giving itself militarily to the new Europe? Answer: U.K. is seeking "more punch for the pound." U.K. is increasing its percentage commitment to NATO in Europe, would not opt for proliferation, and would insist that military arrangements in Europe mesh with NATO. He tended to have pessimistic views toward the USSR and possibilities of cooperation with it beyond present levels, especially in regard to Central Europe.

Overall, it was a rewarding evening. But Mr. Unwin would not place on the "best speaker" list.