

October 5, 1942

Dear Mr. Gillette:

I send you my warmest thanks for your letter of September 28th, enclosing the check of the Rockefeller Foundation for \$4,875, representing one half the amount of the grants available for the present academic year for Professors Wolfgang Pauli and Carl L. Siegel and Dr. Kurt Gödel. I note that subsequent payments will be made in January and July for the balance of the two-year period for which these grants were made, and we shall be very glad to send you a summary statement of expenditures at the close of that period. It is understood that any unused balance is to revert to the Foundation.

With warm appreciation of the generosity of the Foundation, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Mr. H. M. Gillette, Comptroller
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

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THE NATURAL SCIENCES

WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR
FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
HARRY M. MILLER, JR., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

April 23, 1942

Dear Mr. Aydelotte:

This will acknowledge your letter of
April 22nd and the enclosed material on Dr. Gödel
and Dr. Siegel.

We are glad to have this information for
our records, and I appreciate your getting it to-
gether for us.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Blair Hanson

Mr. Frank Aydelotte, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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April 22, 1942

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I am very glad to enclose the curriculum vitae of Gödel and a list of Siegel's publications since 1935. Siegel's latest paper will appear in the American Journal of Mathematics - probably in October. If your records on Siegel go only to 1935 you may wish to add the information that in 1938 he received a professorship at Göttingen University, where he remained until he left Germany early in 1940.

If there is any further information you would like about either man, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Frank Blair Hanson
The Rockefeller Foundation
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April 17, 1942

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I wish to express on behalf of the Institute the deepest appreciation of your generous letters of April 15th, allocating \$6,000 for a stipend for Professor Siegel for two years beginning July 1, 1942, and \$7500 for Dr. Gödel beginning the same date. I note your understanding that this must be the final assistance from the Foundation for both these men and I consider that stipulation entirely reasonable. We shall be glad to look after them by one arrangement or another after that time.

I am preparing for you immediately a curriculum vitae of Dr. Gödel and am asking Professor Siegel to give me a list of his publications since 1935. I shall try to secure for you an offprint of the article which he is just now about to publish, which has been pronounced by scholars who have seen it one of the most important contributions to mathematics which has been made in recent years.

With grateful thanks for your assistance to us in looking after these two outstanding scholars, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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April 15, 1942

Dear Mr. Aydelotte:

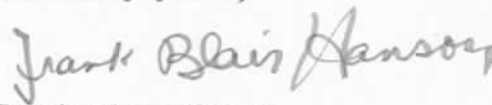
I have the honor to inform you that the officers of The Rockefeller Foundation have approved an action allocating \$6,000 to The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, for the salary of Dr. Carl Siegel. This grant is available over the two-year period beginning July 1, 1942.

Mr. G. J. Beal, Comptroller of the Foundation, will arrange to make payments under this allocation upon instructions from you.

It is the understanding of the Foundation in making this grant that this is final assistance for Dr. Siegel and that at the termination of the grant The Institute for Advanced Study assumes any further responsibility to provide for him or to assist him in seeking a post elsewhere.

It is highly gratifying to us to be able to assist the Institute in continuing Dr. Siegel's services.

Sincerely yours,



Frank Blair Hanson

Mr. Frank Aydelotte, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR
FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
HARRY M. MILLER, JR., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

April 15, 1942

Dear Mr. Aydelotte:

I have the honor to inform you that the officers of The Rockefeller Foundation have approved an action allocating \$7,500 to The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, for the salary of Dr. Kurt Gödel. This grant is available over the two-year period beginning July 1, 1942.

Mr. G. J. Beal, Comptroller of the Foundation, will arrange to make payments under this allocation upon instructions from you.

It is the understanding of the Foundation in making this grant that this is final assistance for Dr. Gödel and that at the termination of the grant The Institute for Advanced Study assumes any further responsibility to provide for him.

It is highly gratifying to us to be able to assist the Institute in continuing Dr. Gödel's services.

Sincerely yours,



Frank Blair Hanson

Mr. Frank Aydelotte, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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Postscript: We should appreciate it if you could have sent to us, for our records, the curriculum vitae of Dr. Gödel. We have very little in our files on him.

Our files on Siegel, on the other hand, are almost complete, since he had an International Education Board fellowship from this office. However, we have no information on his publications, etc., since 1935, when we made a grant for his visit from Germany to the U.S.

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April 13, 1942

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I send you my warmest thanks for your kind letter of April 10th and my very grateful appreciation of the generous contributions which you propose of \$6000 over a two-year period for Professor Siegel and \$7500 for Dr. Gödel. The Institute will be very glad to make up the remainder of Dr. Gödel's stipend. I cannot say with what deep satisfaction we receive this assistance in taking care for the next two years of these two men, who are really among the foremost scholars in the world in their respective fields.

I am sending an intimation to Dr. Evans of California of your interest in Tarski, though, of course, I have not committed you in any way but only suggested that Dr. Evans should write directly to you.

I understand perfectly your reservation in regard to Chern and was most concerned that you should have the name in mind in case some future development would make it possible or advisable for him to come to this country.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Frank Blair Hanson
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

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THE NATURAL SCIENCES

WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR
FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
HARRY M. MILLER, JR., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

April 10, 1942

Dear Mr. Aydelotte:

Sooner than I expected I had the opportunity to discuss with my colleagues here the letter you left with me, and I wish to make the following comments on the various persons mentioned in your letter:

The officers have agreed to recommend a grant of \$6,000 over a two-year period for Dr. Siegel. Your request for Dr. Gödel just happens to exceed by \$500 the maximum grant which can be made by the officers of the Foundation. Larger amounts must be considered by our Trustees, and we do not ordinarily take requests for deposed scholars before the meetings of the Trustees. The officers wish to know if a grant of \$7,500 for Dr. Gödel over a two-year period would be of such material assistance to you that the Institute would agree to provide the additional \$500 required to maintain his present income. In case the Institute agrees to this, we shall take appropriate action here on both Siegel and Gödel within the next week or ten days, and I shall inform you promptly of the outcome.

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We are also prepared to study sympathetically a proposal from the University of California for Dr. Tarski, provided the University is prepared to make a substantial contribution toward Tarski's salary during the period that he is to be in Berkeley.

Regarding the Chinese mathematician, Dr. Chern, we are looking into the matter somewhat, but I must say that the officers are impressed with the dangers and difficulties of bringing a man to this country over so many thousands of miles of treacherous waters, and they are particularly concerned over the responsibilities which may be involved in setting up an initial grant for Mr. Chern. We shall give this matter further study and I shall communicate with you again.

Mr. Frank Aydelotte

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April 10, 1942

It is always a pleasure to see you here and to discuss some of our common interests, and I enjoyed your visit the other day very much.

Cordially yours,

Frank Blair Hanson

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Mr. Frank Aydelotte, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 West 49th Street, New York

The Natural Sciences

Warren Weaver, Director

Frank Blair Hanson, Associate Director

Harry M. Miller, Jr., Assistant Director

April 10, 1942

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Cordially yours,

(Signed) Frank Blair Hanson

Mr. Frank Aydelotte, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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April 10, 1942

Dear Hanson:

The title of Tarski's book is Introduction to Logic and to the Methodology of Deductive Sciences and it is published by the Oxford University Press. I looked up at the Guggenheim office the exact dates of Tarski's fellowship and find that his renewal runs from April 1st to September 1st. It would be a wonderful thing if he could be installed at the University of California.

I talked at lunch on Thursday with the group of admirers of Langevin who made pledges for a stipend for him. They have agreed that I should keep on with my efforts through the Quakers to get him released. I am sure it is hopeless, but I will try once more to get some message through and will let you know the result. A young Frenchman who has recently come to this country says that Langevin is confined now in an old castle in a kind of decent imprisonment. This young man feels that the chances of getting him out of France would be practically nil and that it was not at all certain that Langevin would outlive the war. However, I will try again to get some message to him.

I appreciate deeply your sympathetic hearing of my appeal on behalf of Gödel and Siegel.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Frank Blair Hanson
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FA/MCE

April 8, 1942

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I understand perfectly the position of the Foundation in regard to Siegel and Gödel, as outlined by you over the telephone on Monday. They happen to be two of the most eminent scholars among the refugees and a case could be made for treating them as you have treated Pauli, as deserving of special consideration because of their position in the scholarly world. I understand at the same time the difficulty from your point of view of undertaking indefinite support of refugee scholars and am frank to confess that I think the most important function of the Foundation in this regard is to meet emergencies rather than to carry the load year by year.

We are at present paying Gödel a stipend of \$4000 per year and Siegel \$3000, Gödel being married while Siegel is unmarried. The burden is a pretty heavy one on our stipend fund and if the Rockefeller Foundation could see its way to providing for these men for two years the Institute would be willing to look after them at the end of that time either by taking care of them here or in the case of Siegel of securing him a position elsewhere, which I think might easily be done. Gödel has been urged very strongly upon me as a suitable permanent member of our staff. It is impossible for us at this moment to add any permanent members, but I fully expect that our financial position will in a few years be much stronger.

When I see you I want to say a word about two other men who are in somewhat the same position: Dr. Chern, who is probably the ablest Chinese mathematician of this generation and who would like to come to the United States, and Professor Tarski, for whom we think we have a position for the duration of the war at the University of California. They are having trouble, however, in making up the necessary sum for his salary, but with a little help they would guarantee to take care of him for the duration of the war. Tarski has a renewal of his Guggenheim Fellowship which would carry him up to September and if this California position could be arranged he would be looked after at least until the return of peace.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you tomorrow, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Frank Blair Hanson
Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FRANK AYDELOTTE

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
GEORGE J. BEAL, COMPTROLLER
H. M. GILLETTE, ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER

CABLE ADDRESS:
ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

June 5, 1939

My dear Mrs. Bailey:

Thank you for your letter of May 29 showing a statement of payments made to Dr. Paul Tedesco under our \$1,000 grant to the Institute for Advanced Study during the academic year 1938-39. We note that the entire amount of our grant has been expended.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Esther S. Bailey, Secretary
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE HUMANITIES

DAVID H. STEVENS, DIRECTOR
JOHN MARSHALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
IRVING A. LEONARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

May 16, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Your note of May 3 on Dr. Roswell Britton is being held until I can talk with him concerning his wishes for study at Princeton during 1939-40. Our attempts to get him by telephone this week have not been successful. I will send word on the result of our talk as soon as possible. He called on me last month but at that time brought out no points to show willingness to abandon mathematics for the tedious training period needed for entry into Far Eastern studies. Something may have changed his view since then, and I shall be glad to learn the latest news from him in conversation.

Sincerely yours,

David H. Stevens

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
20 Nassau Street
Princeton
New Jersey

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THE HUMANITIES

DAVID H. STEVENS, DIRECTOR
JOHN MARSHALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
IRVING A. LEONARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

May 12, 1939

My dear Flexner:

As you know, an answer to your letter of April 5 has been delayed by my full month of travel. I am sorry if this has broken into your planning for 1939-40 in any way. For the two men named as prospectively in line for study of American museums we should need further information. I shall note the points that seem to apply to each case.

1. Mr. Carl Nordenfalk of the Konstmuseum, Göteborg, Sweden. The general nature of his interest implies that we could best consider him in our own limited Humanities program for museum training. Thus far we have done this through two strong museums (Brooklyn and Buffalo). If I am to open the way for a fellowship for anyone in northern Europe, it had best be after a visit to Göteborg by my colleague in the Paris office or by myself. With Threpsiades, whose case was unusual in its reference to our aid on the Agora, I felt free to make an exception; for others, I should necessarily consider what the Foundation may allow me to do on personnel in European museums as in our work on personnel in national libraries. The case of Nordenfalk may be made the means of beginning an inquiry of that nature.

2. Mr. Francis W. Robinson, Cincinnati Art Museum. As this man is evidently not on the staff permanently, he would not qualify for consideration under our own fellowship program. A second reason preventing our aid to him is that we are not budgetted to deal with the American museum field through individual fellowship aids. The American Council of Learned Societies and these two centers - Brooklyn and Buffalo - have had what fellowship funding we have been able to secure on museum personnel, and these two centers only for two-year periods for special purposes.

On Nordenfalk I should be glad to act directly and fairly promptly. I know you realize the questions of policy and expense involved in opening up new areas of work as implied in this second instance.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
20 Nassau Street
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New Jersey
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David H. Stevens

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THE HUMANITIES

DAVID H. STEVENS, DIRECTOR
JOHN MARSHALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
IRVING A. LEONARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

May 12, 1939

My dear Flexner:

The letters of April 5 and 21 on Dr. Tedesco clearly state the reasons for your wishing added assistance on his modest salary. The fact that these temporary aids to dispossessed scholars are uniformly conditioned by institutional agreements on permanent placement is an obstacle to renewal of the grant. The action for Dr. Tedesco as reported on July 5 last year was in terms of one year. When we talked of his case on February 8, I was not able to give assurance of further aid, though sympathetically disposed to any such case. I should be ready, on the other hand, to bring Dr. Tedesco's situation up for review if you wish me to do so. I must add that the agreements on permanency from other institutions are in some degree a hindrance to special action of this sort. Let me hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

David H. Stevens

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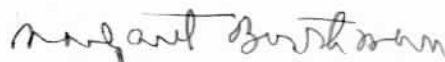
DAVID H. STEVENS, DIRECTOR
JOHN MARSHALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
IRVING A. LEONARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

April 24, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Thank you for your note of April 21 and
the letter of Professor Edgerton on Dr. Tedesco. These
will be held with your earlier letter for Mr. Stevens'
return.

Sincerely yours,



Margaret Boothman
Secretary to Mr. Stevens

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton
New Jersey

April 21, 1939

Dear Dr. Stevens:

By way of supplementing my application to you, dated April 5, 1939, for a grant to Dr. Tedesco I am sending you herewith a letter which I received a few days ago from Professor Franklin Edgerton of Yale who originally called Tedesco to my attention.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. David H. Stevens
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

AF:ESB

April 5, 1939

Dear Dr. Stevens:

The Foundation was very helpful to us during the current year, and I am wondering whether its interest in our work will continue. We have several applications which, if I understand your policy correctly, fall within your field of activity and which it is perfectly obvious to me now that we cannot finance out of our current income next year. The cases are as follows:

1. Mr. Carl Nordenfalk of the Konstmuseum, Göteborg, Sweden

I am assured that he is a very able young art historian and is anxious to come to America for the purpose not only of acquainting himself with the activities here at Princeton but of profiting by our experience in the museum field. It will require \$1,200 to bring him here and maintain him.

2. Mr. Francis Waring Robinson, Master of Fine Arts of Princeton University, has been Assistant Curator of the Cincinnati Art Museum. He resigned his position in order to spend this current year in Princeton working on materials here and in New York as well as certain materials in the Vatican. He is anxious to have a year to complete his work and to acquaint himself with American museums other than that in Cincinnati with which he was associated. For the purpose of maintenance and travel he will require \$2,000.

3. Dr. Paul Tedesco from Vienna

During the current year you made a grant of \$1,000 towards \$2,000 for

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his support. I am assured by Professor Herzfeld that Dr. Tedesco's work is going along brilliantly, and I am asked for a renewal of the appropriation made for him. I shall be happy if the Rockefeller Foundation could renew its appropriation of \$1,000 or, better still, make an appropriation of \$2,000 which would carry him for the entire year.

We are suffering the penalties of success, for the demands upon our income for the support of brilliant young scholars who ought not yet to be tied down to routine jobs have in every department gone beyond our resources. I am, however, pursuing a very careful policy, for I do not wish to bring to Princeton any more than can be handled by the present staff without interference with their own activities. The cases which I have mentioned in this letter have been sifted out of a much larger number of applications.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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New York City

AF:ESB

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 21, 1939

Dear Flexner:

Thank you for your letter of February 9th. The comments of Weyl and Courant on the Göttingen Institute give me precisely the information that I wanted, and I am indebted to you for obtaining it for me. As I told you, we are preparing a history of the International Education Board and I was trying to find out exactly what had happened at Göttingen. Isn't it odd how everybody confuses the Rockefeller Foundation with the International Education Board?

I have read Veblen's letter to you, and also Meritt's memorandum, and I am taking these two matters up with Mr. Weaver and Mr. Stevens respectively. I hope to get in touch with you shortly on the situation.

I have been a little troubled about the other matter which we discussed the other day and which your letter elaborates, i.e., the proposal of a short-term appropriation to the School of Economics. I quite appreciate your feeling that with Willits just entering on his responsibilities, it would be wiser not to approach him until he has more thoroughly canvassed the field that lies before him. On the other hand, a matter of this kind cannot be put through without involving the Social Science Division of the Foundation because it would not only be a charge against

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their budget but would have to be presented to the Trustees with their endorsement. Consequently, it would be impossible to have the thing considered without at once involving Willits, and I am quite sure that if Willits were approached on this matter he would want to know not only the immediate plans of the new school at the Institute, but the future implications of any grant which might be made at this time.

Under the circumstances, I think it would be wiser to postpone consideration of this matter until Willits is more thoroughly acquainted with his work. A postponement of this kind would give Stewart and his associates a chance to develop a definite plan of action which, as I understand it, has not as yet been done, and the matter could be studied by the Foundation, not only as an emergency situation, but in relation to any future implications as well.

I do not have to tell you that we are deeply interested in Stewart's work at Princeton and in the new start that has been made there under his leadership. Willits and Stewart are close friends and work together in an intimate relationship. Consequently, we shall watch the development of the plans there with more than usual sympathy and interest. I realize that this answer does not meet your present emergency, but you are so well acquainted with Foundation procedure that I am confident you will understand the situation as I have described it above.

With best wishes,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Sincerely yours,

Raymond B. Arden

February 9, 1939

Dear Fosdick:

I enclose (1) a statement from Professor Weyl, who along with James Franck, a Nobel Prize winner and professor of physics at Göttingen, was the most distinguished member of the great faculty of mathematics and physics at the time that Rose visited Göttingen and at the time of Hitler's accession to power. I shall also obtain for you a similar statement from Professor Richard Courant, who was chairman of the mathematical group at Göttingen, with whom Rose had his official dealings and who is now professor of mathematics and chairman of the mathematical department of New York University.

I enclose (2) a copy of Willits' letter to me about Riefler's part in the organization of the National Bureau of Economic Research - a quite unsolicited but very generous account from Willits.

I enclose (3) an account of the action taken by the American School of Classical Studies in Athens in transferring the publication of its journal, *Hesperia*, from Vienna to the United States.

by Veblen

I send you (4) a similar statement regarding the proposed transfer from Berlin to the United States of what would be called The International Journal of Mathematics to be issued by the American Mathematical Society.

In reference to my statement regarding the short-term appropriation (to July 1, 1939) for the School of Economics, let me say the following: the

Mr. Fosdick

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moment that Stewart and Warren agreed to come to the school I acted at once, because I had been hoping for years that this would come about. The budget for the present academic year had, however, been adopted last April. The addition of Stewart and Warren means an increased budget for this second half-year of possibly less than \$25,000.00, though traveling or books or secretarial help or additional space may increase this sum by a few thousand dollars. I have an offer of \$25,000.00 annually on condition - alas! - that I procure an additional equal sum. The sum offered me would be paid if the Rockefeller Foundation made an appropriation of \$25,000.00 to run to the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 1939, with the understanding that any unused part would be returned. In my opinion, it would be wholly or certainly almost wholly returned, for, as far as I can figure, the increase in our budget liberally estimated will be for the second half-year as follows:

Salaries	\$15,000.00
Retiring allowances	750.00
Secretarial aid	2,000.00
Chartist	800.00
Rent	1,875.00
Books	1,500.00
Travel	2,500.00
	<u>\$24,425.00</u>

The more I think of it, the more it seems to me that I should not approach Willits until (1) he feels thoroughly at home at the Foundation, with its policies and its ways, and (2) he has had whatever time he wants for conference with outsiders. I have therefore decided that a short-term appropriation now would see us through your annual meeting, and I imagine that Willits will be in position to talk to me before your annual meeting takes place.

I hope that I am not mistaken in believing that we have now here in Princeton a chance to do economics and politics in a way in which it has never been done anywhere in the world, partly because the men here are in such close

Mr. Foedick

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and familiar contact with the National Bureau of Economic Research, in which the Foundation is also interested.

I am loath to approach Mr. Bamberger at this moment for the reason that I mentioned to you yesterday, namely, I know that he wishes to see our new building erected, paid for, and its upkeep provided for before he goes further - a conservative but understandable state of mind. Since I saw you yesterday, there is another reason for not worrying him. I have just learned that his sister, Mrs. Fuld, who is equally associated with him in founding the Institute, has fallen and broken her arm - no slight matter at her advanced age.

It would help me if the decision on the short-term proposition could be acted upon within a reasonable time, though the matter is not actually urgent at the moment.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

AF:ESB

P.S.

February 10, 1939

In speaking of Warren and Stewart I might well have added that since the announcement of their coming to Princeton was made we have received word that Henry Clay, financial adviser of the Bank of England, will spend six weeks at Princeton, arriving February 17, that Professor Jewkes, professor of economics of the University of Manchester, will spend an equal period, overlapping Clay's, and this morning comes a note from Mr. Marschak, formerly professor at Vienna, now fellow of All Souls and lecturer on economics at the University of Oxford, that he will be here next week. One of your own Foundation fellows, Mr. Fleming of the University of Edinburgh, is also in residence, so that the small economic group has already proved just the sort of attraction that I could have wished for.

A.F.

February 9, 1939

MEMORANDUM FROM PROFESSOR MERITT REGARDING HESPERIA

Hesperia is the official journal of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. Since the excavations in the Athenian Agora have been under way, half its space has been devoted to the Agora findings, and two supplementary volumes have been published which deal more fully with special phases of the Agora work.

The journal was published by Adolf Holzhausens Nachfolger in Vienna, but the Managing Committee of the American School at Athens decided to transfer publication from Vienna to the United States. Arrangements have now been made with the printing house of The J. H. Furst Company in Baltimore, which does the same work at no greater expense, with a better face of type and a better quality of paper.

What has happened in respect to the publication of Hesperia will more or less rapidly take place with other scientific and learned journals, that is, their publication will be transferred to America as rapidly as we are in position to deal with them. Beyond question a shifting in the center of gravity in the field of learning is taking place.

January 30, 1939

Mr. H. M. Gillette
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Gillette:

In behalf of Mr. Schur I thank you for your letter of January 26, 1939, enclosing check to the order of the Institute for Advanced Study for \$500.00, final payment on account of your grant toward the salary of Dr. Paul Tedesco during the academic year, 1938-1939. At the close of the year we shall send you a statement showing that the grant has been paid to Dr. Tedesco during the year.

As Mr. Schur is a non-resident officer, it is perhaps safer to send communications to the Institute for Advanced Study, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey, rather than to him.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BANLEY
Secretary

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49TH STREET, NEW YORK

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TO

Institute for Advanced Study

VOUCHER No.

DATE January 27, 1939

THE CHECK ENCLOSED IS TENDERED IN FULL PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

Final payment on grant to the Institute for Advanced Study
in support of Professor Tedesco during the one-year
period 1938-1939

\$ 500.00

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
GEORGE J. BEAL, COMPTROLLER
H. M. GILLETTE, ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER

CABLE ADDRESS:
ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

January 26, 1939

Dear Mr. Schur:

We are enclosing check to the order of the Institute for \$500. representing final payment on account of our grant toward the salary of Dr. Paul Tedesco during the academic year 1938-39.

At the close of the year we shall appreciate receiving a statement showing that the entire amount of our grant has been paid to Dr. Tedesco during the year.

Very truly yours,



Mr. Ira A. Schur, Asst. Treasurer
Institute for Advanced Study
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

HTW
Enc. 1 check

November 4, 1938

Mr. H. M. Gillette
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Gillette:

Thank you for your letter
of the second enclosing a check for \$500.00
covering one half of the grant of the Rockefeller
Foundation toward the support of Professor Paul
Tedesco. I note that another check for \$500.00
for Professor Tedesco will be sent on or about
February 1, 1939.

At the close of the academic
year we shall report to you the amount paid
Professor Tedesco, as you request.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BANISTER

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
GEORGE J. BEAL, COMPTROLLER
H. M. GILLETTE, ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER

CABLE ADDRESS:
ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

November 2, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

We note from your letter of October 28th that Professor Tedesco is now at work in the Institute, and we are therefore enclosing herewith a check for \$500.00 covering one half of our grant toward support of Professor Paul Tedesco.

A check in like amount will be sent you on or about February 1, 1939, to cover the balance of our grant, and we would ask that word be sent us some time after the close of the fiscal year as to the amount paid Professor Tedesco.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Esther S. Bailey, Secretary
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton
New Jersey

RS

Enclosure - 1 check.

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49TH STREET, NEW YORK

TO

The Institute for Advanced Study

VOUCHER No.

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DATE

November 1, 1938

THE CHECK ENCLOSED IS TENDERED IN FULL PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

First payment on account of amount granted toward the
support of Professor Paul Tedesco

\$ 500.00

July 23, 1938

Dr. David H. Stevens
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am very happy to tell you that we are in receipt of a cablegram from Dr. Paul Tedesco accepting the appointment as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C EICHELSE

June 29, 1938

Dear Mr. Stevens:

I landed Monday and received your kind letter of welcome when I came to Princeton this morning. I shall write you further within a few days regarding Professor Richards and the Gest Library. Inasmuch as the matter of Professor Tedesco is urgent, I am limiting the present letter to his case.

It is our expectation and intention to give Professor Tedesco a definite - that is, what we construe a permanent - appointment in the School of Humanistic Studies "if his work during the first year is acceptable." His initial salary, which had to be arranged, as you know, on very short notice, will be \$2000, of which the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced German Scholars has appropriated \$1000.00. Should the Rockefeller Foundation appropriate the other half of the salary I shall notify Professor Tedesco at once, and we will thus bring to America a man whom Professor Herzfeld regards as the most brilliant Orientalist in Europe. The case arose after our annual budget was passed, in the making of which we had gone to the limit of our income.

I should be very happy if you could let me have an early decision regarding Professor Tedesco, inasmuch as I have to communicate with him through Professor Edgerton of Yale, who may be leaving on his vacation almost any day.

With all good wishes and much appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE HUMANITIES

DAVID H. STEVENS, DIRECTOR
JOHN MARSHALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
IRVING A. LEONARD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

June 24, 1938

Dear Flexner:

Greetings to you on landing. I wish that I might have been in town to talk with you.

Mrs. Bailey on May 16 kindly reported your interest and intention regarding appointment of Professor Paul Tedesco to the staff of the Institute. The action in this case is drawn and merely waiting for a confirming letter from you as Director. I should like it to cover the facts of total salary and intention to make the appointment permanent if his work during the first year is acceptable. The action then would be for a grant of \$1,000 as requested during the twelve months including the academic year 1938-39.

Sincerely yours,

David H. Stevens

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton
New Jersey

DHS:MPB

October 28, 1938

Mr. George J. Beal
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Beal:

Mr. John Marshall wrote to Dr. Flexner on July 5 that a grant of \$1,000 to the Institute for Advanced Study in support of Professor Paul Tedesco during the year beginning October 1, 1938, had been approved by your officers, and that payment of the fund would be as arranged by us through you. I am happy to inform you that Professor Tedesco is already at work in the Institute and the grant may be paid in two installments of \$500 each, in November, 1938, and February, 1939, or in one payment of \$1,000 at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

ESB

Secretary

Magnetawan, via Burks Falls
Ontario, Canada
July 18, 1938

Dear Stevens:

I don't know whether the gates are still open, but if they are I should like to make application, as I am also going to make application to Keppel at the Carnegie Corporation, in the hope that you will be willing, each of you, to furnish \$1500, one such grant to be used for the benefit of Miss Adelaide M. Davidson, and the other for Professor Paul Clement of the Johns Hopkins University.

We have ourselves gone to the limit of our probable income and have taken on as many of these promising young scholars as we can possibly assist. There is no better use for money than to give persons of this kind the sort of contact and stimulus that they can now get at Princeton.

If you feel that you can take care of one, make your choice, and I shall see whether Keppel can take care of the other, or, better still, if you will each tell me that you can take care of the two, I will promise not to take advantage of your generosity in case you both agree, but to accept not exceeding \$1500 from each of you. This is somewhat complex perhaps, but as the time is short I am putting it to you both simultaneously.

I enclose conclusive evidence, as it seems to us, of the fitness of both these candidates for further opportunity.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. David H. Stevens
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City
AF/MCE

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

July 9, 1938

Mr. John Marshall
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Marshall:

Your letter of July 5, advising that the officers of the Rockefeller Foundation had approved the grant of \$1,000 to the Institute for Advanced Study in support of Professor Paul Tedesco for the coming year, came just as Dr. Flexner was leaving for Canada, and he asked me to communicate to you his deep appreciation of this action.

We have cabled and also written Professor Tedesco, advising him of his appointment as a member of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSEER

April 23, 1938

Dear Dr. Stevens:

Following our conversation over the telephone today, I am sending you the original of a letter from Mr. Courouniotis. The application is, as our records show, for \$2,500, which would pay the traveling expenses of Mr. Threpsiades to this country and back as well as expenses incurred in seeing museums, and finally his living expenses at Princeton. I should like to be able to notify Mr. Threpsiades at the earliest possible moment that is practicable in connection with your usual procedure.

With all good wishes and much appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. David H. Stevens
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

AF:ESB

Copy

Athens, Greece
March 10, 1938

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Director of the Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Flexner:

I have just received a communication from Dr. Charles Morgan, the Director of the American School of Classical Studies, in which he discussed with me the desirability of having Mr. Johannis Threpsiades, an ephor in our National Greek Archaeological Service, spend a year devoted to study in the United States.

We should be very grateful if he might have this opportunity, not only to continue his work on the inscriptions of Eleusis with Professor Meritt, but also to visit and become acquainted with the museums and archaeological collections of the United States.

Dr. Morgan indicated to me that a fellowship grant at the Institute might be available to him. I should be very happy indeed if this necessary financial support can be given to make his year with you possible.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. Courouniotis

Director of the Epigraphical Museum

February 15, 1938

Dear Dr. Weaver:

Last summer Professor Veblen went to the summer session of the University of Washington and spent, I believe, six weeks there, during which time he conducted a seminar for the benefit of mathematicians on the coast and the adjoining region. It was, in the opinion of President Sieg, a grand success, and Veblen's own feeling was that if something of the sort could be done every summer for the benefit of mathematicians who cannot come east it would prove one way of keeping mathematicians out there in touch with recent developments.

President Sieg has, as I understand it, \$1000 which can be used to invite eastern mathematicians to come west, as Veblen did, but he is anxious to double this sum in order that he can have two mathematicians instead of one. I do not know what your policy is in respect to matters of this kind, but, at President Sieg's request, I am writing you to say that Veblen came away from Seattle with the impression that Sieg's plans are sound and that if his very modest resources could be increased the amount of good the summer work is doing would be more than doubled.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Warren Weaver
The Rockefeller Foundation
New York City

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

February 10, 1933

Dear Sydnor:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 8th.

I really anticipated your answer in regard to Rumney.

I hope very much that we may find it possible to bring him here nevertheless, because Mitrany is very anxious to have him.

As to Earle's European trip, I have had no conversation myself with Mr. Crane, and I can quite understand your difficulties in dealing with an unusual request of this sort.

You and I are doubtless in the same boat, namely, we are both trying to live within a definite income at a time when the needs and opportunities for advanced work in this country are rapidly expanding. All that either of us can do is to hew to the line and to bear in mind that no one thing is likely to be of overwhelming importance at any particular moment.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Miss Sydnor Walker
Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

SYDNOR WALKER, ACTING DIRECTOR
STACY MAY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
JOHN V. VAN SICKLE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CABLE ADDRESS:

ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

February 8, 1938

My dear Mr. Flexner:

I am afraid that there is no possibility of the Foundation's being of any assistance in bringing Mr. Rumney to Princeton to study with Professor Mitranj. Occasionally we give a second fellowship to a man, but seldom is this the case when he has had two years of fellowship previously. If the project had a direct relevance to a field of special interest of the Foundation, we might be tempted to make an exception in the use of fellowships. Mr. Rumney, however, seems to be particularly interested in population problems and the general field of sociology. As you know, the Foundation has no program in this area.

I have talked with Mr. Crane in regard to the possibility of aid to Professor Earle in making his European trip. I do not know whether there is any possibility of direct aid from the Council, and I have not been able to think of any formula which would enable the Foundation to give assistance. As you know, I appreciate the importance of Professor Earle's renewing his contacts with those in the United States and abroad who are carrying on research in the field of international relations, but a three-months' sojourn in Europe is difficult to provide either on a fellowship or a grant-in-aid.

I am, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Sydnor H. Walker

SHW:JL

January 31, 1938

Dear Sydnor:

We have been combing through with great care applications which have come to us from pretty nearly all corners of the universe for opportunity to work with someone in the Institute. The grants which we have made thus far out of our own funds for the three schools now in operation will reach about \$50,000, which is as far as we can go, for it amounts to one-seventh of the income upon which we can confidently count.

While I am waiting to hear from you regarding your interview with Mr. Crane in respect to Earle's trip abroad, which will require only a modest sum, I wonder if you would be interested in Mr. Rumney, who is very desirous of spending a year or two with Professor Mitrany. He was at one time a Rockefeller Fellow in the United States, and he desires now to return for a year or two in order to assist Professor Mitrany in bringing to a conclusion what he describes to me as a new approach to political and sociological problems. I am enclosing material which is, I think, conclusive as to his competence, but whether you are in the habit of making a second grant to persons of this kind I do not know. Mitrany tells me that a grant of \$3000 will be necessary in order to enable Rumney to come to America. I feel sure that I could arrange for half of it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Sydnor Walker
Rockefeller Foundation
New York City

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

April 14, 1937

Dear Fosdick:

In order to complete your record I am writing you in reply to yours of the thirteenth regarding Bohr and Dirac in addition to an informal word which I may have with you over the telephone. Of course, I knew nothing of the extent of your aid to Bohr and Dirac for their work respectively at Copenhagen and Cambridge when I wrote my letter of March 19, and, though it may be infinitely worth their while to come here or go elsewhere for a limited period from time to time, neither should, in my judgment, in view of what the Foundation has done for them undertake the kind of thing which I was led to believe they both wished to do and thought would be advantageous to them and to their work.

In my opinion, your position is entirely sound. I took exactly the same attitude when Einstein came to this country and a request was made of me by the California Institute of Technology that he should spend several months of each year there. I replied to Hale and Millikan that, while of course after an interval of years it might be to his interest and theirs for Einstein to spend half a year or even a year at Pasadena, it would seriously disrupt his work to have a regular engagement of that kind out there, and Hale finally wrote agreeing with me. Many of the persons of the Institute have already accepted limited invitations, generally during the summer term, when we have disbanded, to lecture at Oxford, Cambridge,

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April 14, 1937

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Paris, or elsewhere, but this has of course not interfered with their regular work and has indeed been a source of stimulus to them. Moreover, it is an occasional and brief function at the most, so have no fear that I do not understand your position, and please never hesitate to write me in the negative. If I thought you would hesitate, I could on my side never make a request.

As I hope to tell you over the telephone, the request really emanated from the men themselves in conversation with our people down here, but then these really first-rate men are all prima donnas and don't think these things through as ordinary folk like you and me have got to do for them.

With all good wishes,

Always sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

AF:RSB

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 13, 1937

Dear Flexner:

Our annual board meetings last week made it impossible for me to send you an earlier reply to your letter of March 19th in regard to Niels Bohr and Dirac. We have gone into the matter with considerable care, and I have myself talked over your proposal with a number of people whose opinion I value. We have come to a negative conclusion in the matter, but I am confident you will understand our position.

Two Rockefeller boards, i.e., the International Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation, have been in touch with Niels Bohr's work for the last fifteen years. We helped to build his Institute of Theoretical Physics, and we have supported liberally his research in the application of physics, chemistry and mathematics to biological problems. Only last month, at his request, we made a grant for the construction and testing of a cyclotron at his Institute. Altogether, the two boards have spent approximately \$125,000 in helping to develop his research work. He is the head and center of this work, and the high promise of his Institute would be seriously jeopardized by his absence. After all that we have done to build up his Institute in Copenhagen, for us now to make a grant which might tempt him away from it would,

from our point of view, be self-defeating.

The same situation prevails at Cambridge in relation to Dirac. The International Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation over a period of many years have made a total contribution there of nearly \$2,000,000 for work in mathematics, mathematical physics and related subjects. Dirac is one of their key-men. For us to furnish funds by which he might be persuaded to go elsewhere would, I think, be exceedingly inconsistent. It would be difficult to find justification for such a step.

Your desire to get these two men is understandable, because of your emphasis on quality and brains. But the question which the Foundation must consider is whether science as a whole would profit. Frankly, we are not convinced that it would. What would be Princeton's gain would quite certainly mean incalculable loss to Copenhagen and Cambridge.

I dislike writing you a negative letter, but as I said before, I am sure you will understand the basis of our reasoning.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, N. J.

RBF:CL

March 19, 1937

Dear Mr. Fosdick:

After discussion with the members of the mathematical group I should like to make a formal application for assistance in a development which in the judgment of the mathematicians of both the Institute and Princeton University is highly important. The situation is this: Princeton and the Institute have together developed what I have been told by foreigners as well as Americans is the strongest mathematical group in the United States - and perhaps the strongest mathematical group anywhere. There ought to be a development, not so large but of the same high quality, in mathematical physics. Of a total income which is very little above \$300,000 a year the Institute is now spending over \$140,000 a year on the School of Mathematics, that is, well nigh half of its income. The two other schools, the School of Humanistic Studies and the School of Economics and Politics, and the administrative expenses absorb the rest; but it is of course obvious that neither of the other schools is in as favored a position as mathematics. I have no regrets on this score, because I think it was important for us to do mathematics as well as it could possibly be done, so as to show precisely what the Institute means; but, having done this, we are now in the position that if additional

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funds are procured - as they will be - I must do something to develop the School of Humanistic Studies and the School of Economics and Politics before I can go any further in the field of mathematics.

In the mathematical group Professor Einstein is really a mathematical physicist and Professor von Neumann's interests are almost equally divided between pure mathematics and mathematical physics. I have reason to believe that Professor Niels Bohr would be delighted to spend half his time in Princeton if a salary of, say, \$6000 can be provided. The young Cambridge mathematical physicist, Dirac, like Einstein a Nobel Prize winner - and a genius if I may accept the assurances which I get from all sides - is also anxious to come to Princeton, and may conceivably come permanently. He is now in the early thirties. With Einstein, Bohr, Dirac, and the young Princeton group devoted to the same subject, America would possess a group in mathematical physics which could be trusted to attract students of the highest capacity and to train them so that they could do what the graduates of the Hopkins did in the early days, namely, go out into the field and develop further such departments as have already been started; for, of course, Harvard, Columbia, Chicago, Michigan, California Institute of Technology, etc., are all active in this field; though I believe, on the assurance of those whom I have consulted, that none of them possesses such a group as I should like to form here and as can be formed here, for the two men regarding whom I am writing will not, so I am also told, go anywhere else than Princeton.

To attract these two men for a period of years - preferably three -
for half his time
would require a salary of \$6000 for Professor Bohr/and a salary of \$10,000 or
\$15,000 for Dirac, according as he may be willing to come on a temporary or a

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permanent basis. At the end of a period of three years the resources of the Institute will have so increased that I feel certain it will not be necessary to call on the foundations for further support for these men.

What I am asking, therefore, is that the Rockefeller Foundation may appropriate a sum not to exceed \$21,000 a year for three years, to be expended only in the event that Professor Bohr and Professor Dirac come to Princeton on the terms set forth above. If one should decline, the appropriation for him would lapse; if both decline, the entire appropriation would lapse. Without aid of this kind I am not at the moment in a position to approach either of them, important as I am led to believe such action is.

Always sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick, President
Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

AF/MCE

P. S. I should have said in the body of this letter that I have consulted President Dodds and Dean Eisenhart about this subject and both are extremely anxious that the plan be carried out, and also that in the event that it is carried out both Bohr and Dirac will be equally available to advanced workers in both the Institute and the University. I should not, however, be willing to accept any grant for this or any other purpose which would interfere with anything that Princeton University may have asked from the Rockefeller Foundation.

A. F.