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correspondence regarding a number of mathematicians,
including Professor Langevin.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

Aug 10 1942.

Dear Mr. Ayerlotta,

I am returning Mr. Rapkin's letter, which was forwarded to me here. I confess that I can think of nothing concrete that can be done as Professor Langevin's daughter no doubt is in occupied France. The only contact that could possibly be made would be through the Red Cross or the Society of Friends or through some scholar in a neutral country, but I know of none. I am afraid it will be difficult to prevent his brutal death of a woman and the crushing blow to Langevin's spirit. The whole Langevin case is distressing, and we must take some comfort in the fact that we have saved so many others.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely

Cherney Libman

4 August 1942

Dear Dr. Rapkine:

I am terribly sorry to hear the news of the death of Dr. Salomon, and I have been trying to think of what could be done to preserve his wife, Professor Langevin's daughter, from the same fate. I am sorry to say that I can think of no effective action which can be taken in this country. Our Ambassador has been called home and the minor officials of the Embassy have, I understand, practically no influence with the Vichy government, much less, of course, with the Nazis. Indeed, it might easily happen that any activity on behalf of Madame Salomon in this country would only make her situation worse. I will talk the matter over with one or two individuals in Washington when I go down there tomorrow, and I am sending a copy of your letter to one or two of Langevin's friends in this country in order to take their advice. At the same time I must say that I am pessimistic about our being able to do anything.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Louis Rapkine
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 W. 49th Street
New York City

4 August 1942

Dear Mr. Liebman:

You will be distressed by the enclosed copy of a letter which arrived from Rapkine this morning about Langevin's daughter and son-in-law. Can you think of anything that could conceivably be done in this country? I must say that I can not.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Charles J. Liebman, Esq.
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

c/o The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

August 3, 1942

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I am terribly sorry to announce to you the following bad news: Jacques Salomon, theoretical physicist, son-in-law of Professor Paul Langevin, has been killed by the Nazis on May 23rd 1942. Dr. Salomon's wife, Langevin's daughter, is, unfortunately, in danger of sharing her husband's lot.

I received this news this morning by letter, sent to me from Switzerland.

In this letter, I am told that Langevin's daughter can, perhaps, still be saved. I admit, I do not know how. Moreover, I must tell you things in all frankness: Dr. Salomon and his wife were communists, and it is therefore hard to enlist any help. But, Paul Langevin must suffer martyrdom, and if anything could be done, to spare him, the profound pain of seeing his daughter murdered by the Nazis, it would be already a remarkable achievement. Do you think, dear Dr. Aydelotte, that it is possible, through the State Department or other channel, to prevent not only the murder of Langevin's daughter, but also to spare Langevin such suffering that may end his own life prematurely.

Hoping to hear from you and begging you to pardon me for announcing such bad news,

I am, believe me,

Most devotedly yours,

Louis Rapkine

Louis Rapkine

31 July 1942

Dear Mr. Moulton:

I have your letter of July 29th notifying me that you have cancelled your appropriation for Professor Langevin. I notified Mr. Stein last week that we had tried every possible means of getting in touch with Langevin and had regretfully come to the conclusion that it would be impossible to help him or bring him to this country. Under the circumstances I felt that the contributors to Mr. Stein's fund and the Rockefeller Foundation, which had appropriated money for his travel expenses, should be notified so that these funds could be used in some other way.

With warm appreciation of your intended generosity, and regrets that we cannot make use of it, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Herbert S. Moulton, Esq., President
Manhattan Research Foundation, Inc.
20 Pine Street, New York City

TWENTY PINE STREET
NEW YORK

July 29, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

You will recall that on April 21, 1941, we advised you that, if the proposed arrangements to bring Professor Paul Langevin of France to The Institute for Advanced Study were consummated, Manhattan Research Foundation would contribute to the Institute the sum of \$250 per annum for two years, or a total of \$500, to enable Professor Langevin to carry on his work there.

Mr. Fred Stein has advised us that there does not now appear to be any possibility of bringing Professor Langevin to the United States and that, in the circumstances, it did not seem to him that either the Foundation or the others who had agreed to contribute toward the support of Professor Langevin's work at the Institute should be asked to let their commitments stand for a longer period. He stated that he is communicating with you regarding the matter but that you are, of course, entirely familiar with the situation.

In view of the advice from Mr. Stein, it will be agreeable to you, we are sure, to terminate the commitment made in our letter of April 21, 1941, and we shall be glad if you will regard this letter as notice of its cancellation.

Will you not be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of this letter?

Very truly yours,

MANHATTAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

By

Harbat S. Rowlett
President

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July 24, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I have your letter about Langevin. You have certainly done everything possible. The only grain of comfort in the situation is that Langevin is well advanced in years. I am returning the checks to the donors, expressing our appreciation and enclosing copy of your letter.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Charles J. Liebman

CJL:K

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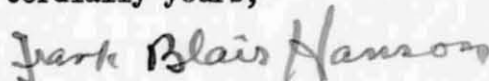
July 20, 1942.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Thank you for your letter of July 13th.

In accordance with your suggestion, the grant
for Professor Langevin's travel will be cancelled
and the money restored to our general fund.

Cordially yours,



Frank Blair Hanson.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton
New Jersey

FBH:WH

July 14, 1942

Dear Dr. Rapkine:

As you know, we have been holding for some time funds for the transportation of Professor Langevin to this country and for his support for two years after his arrival. The donors of these funds have recently inquired as to the prospects of our getting Langevin out of France, and I regret to say that since all our efforts have proved fruitless I do not any longer feel justified in asking the individuals concerned to hold the funds immobilized for this purpose. Before saying so definitely, however, I should be glad to know whether you agree. I should appreciate it if I could have an immediate answer by letter or telegram, since the matter is somewhat urgent.

I have just had a long talk with Magat, one of Langevin's old pupils, who is now in Princeton. His account of Langevin's situation seems to indicate that it would be practically impossible to secure his release.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Louis Rapkine
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FA/MCE

*Copy kept
by Bob Smith. Dr. R. agrees with Dr. A.*

July 13, 1942

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I have just had a talk with one of Professor Langevin's old students, Professor Magat, who is now working here in Princeton, and learned that Langevin is practically a prisoner in a chateau about one hundred kilometers from Paris and that one or two members of Langevin's family have been arrested on the accusation of working against the Nazis and the Vichy government. Magat thinks that only some extraordinary influence or some device such as exchanging Langevin for a German prisoner would make it possible for him to leave France.

Under the circumstances I am compelled very regretfully to say that I do not feel that you are justified in holding longer the money which you have set aside for the transportation of Professor Langevin to this country.

With warm appreciation of the willingness of the Foundation to cooperate in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Copy to file
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Dr. Frank Blair Hanson
Rockefeller Foundation
New York City
FA/MCE

FRANK AYDELOTTE

July 13, 1942

Dear Mr. Liebman:

In reply to your letter of July 8th

I wish to say that I am afraid the case of Professor Langevin is hopeless. I had a talk with one of his old students, Professor Magat, who is now working here in Princeton, and learned that Langevin is practically a prisoner in a chateau about one hundred kilometers from Paris and that one or two members of Langevin's family have been arrested on the accusation of working against the Nazis and the Vichy government. Magat thinks that only some extraordinary influence or some device such as exchanging Langevin for a German prisoner would make it possible for him to leave France.

Under the circumstances I am compelled very regretfully to say that I do not feel that you are justified in holding longer the contributions which have been made for the possible support of Langevin in this country.

With warm appreciation of all the trouble you have taken in this matter, I am

Yours sincerely,

Charles J. Liebman, Esq.
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

FRANK AYDELOTTE

*Copy kept
by S. M. Mact.*

July 9, 1942

Mr. Charles J. Liebman
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Liebman:

Your letter of July 8th,
regarding Professor Langevin, has come
while Dr. Aydelotte is in Washington.
He will return in a few days and I am
sure he will let you hear from him
promptly.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C EICHELSER

Secretary to Dr. Frank Aydelotte

570 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

July 8, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I expect to leave on my vacation in about a week's time, and I am cleaning up matters that are still in abeyance. One of them is the case of Professor Langevin. I am holding checks from a number of people, who subscribed with the understanding that if Langevin did not secure his visa around this time, the money would be returned. My feeling is that this case is hopeless and we might as well return the checks to the donors. Please let me know.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,



Charles J. Liebman

CJL:K

Copy kept by Sch. Maeth

November
October 14, 1941

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I send you my warmest thanks for your kindness in holding open the grant to Professor Langevin until Chadbourne Gilpatric has had a chance to see what he can do in France. Mr. Fred M. Stein writes me that the contributors to the fund for Professor Langevin's salary will also keep the money available, and I shall meanwhile urge Gilpatric to put this case first on his list and do everything possible as soon as he reaches France.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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

FA/MCE

copy to Mr. Stein

CALEDONIA 5-6638

FRED M STEIN
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 13, 1941

Dear Doctor Aydelotte:

Thank you very much for your letter, with enclosure of copy of your letter to Mr. Liebman about Langevin.

It is very discouraging and disheartening, is it not? We shall try to hold the subscriptions until further word comes over to us.

I am very appreciative of your invitation to come down to visit you and look over the Institute. Just at the present moment I am so crowded this does not seem possible, but I am so anxious to come that at the very first opportunity I shall get in touch with you to find out whether we can arrange a time.

With very kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Fred M Stein

Doctor Frank Aydelotte,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, N.J.

S/b

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November 12, 1941

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Thank you for your letter of November 8th regarding
Professor Langevin.

I am happy to learn that you are still making efforts
to secure the release of Professor Langevin, and you may be as-
sured that we shall be very glad to hold this grant open until
such time as you may notify us that you have abandoned hope and
authorize us to cancel the grant.

I sincerely hope that it may not be necessary for you
to do this as we should all be very happy to have Professor
Langevin come to this country.

Very sincerely yours,



Frank Blair Hanson

Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
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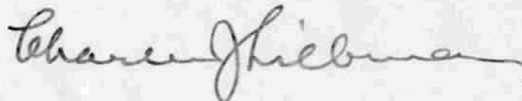
November 10, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Thanks for your letter regarding
Professor Langevin. I have asked the
contributors to be patient and await the
results of Mr. Gilpatric's efforts.

Very sincerely yours,



CJL:K

Charles J. Liebman

November 8, 1941

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I have been intending to write to you about the strenuous efforts I have been making in connection with Professor Langevin. When I heard of his second imprisonment and received a flat refusal from the French Ambassador to do anything and was unsuccessful through our Ambassador at Vichy, I put the matter in the hands of the Quakers. They report that so far as they can see, nothing further can be done. I have only one more string to my bow: Chadbourne Gilpatric, a young Rhodes Scholar, is leaving shortly to be the representative in Marseilles of the Emergency Rescue Committee, replacing Varian Fry. I have gone into the whole Langevin matter with Gilpatric. He will inquire into the situation as soon as he reaches France and report to me. If you wish to keep your appropriation open until I hear from Gilpatric I suppose there would be just a chance, even though a small one, of our being able to get Langevin over. I have asked the men who contributed to his stipend at the Institute to allow us to keep their deposits until this last effort is made. Could the Foundation without inconvenience do the same? I shall understand perfectly whatever your decision is.

I might say that Hadamard is giving Gilpatric all the suggestions he can as to how to proceed and Gilpatric is coming to Princeton to talk to young Mantoux and Weiller, who are here at the Institute on Rockefeller fellowships. I want him also to talk with Rapkine, if possible.

You doubtless know that when Langevin was arrested the second time four other members of the French Academy (prominent professors at the Sorbonne) were also arrested. It may just happen that so many prominent men will have so many friends, even among the French who are sympathetic with the Nazis, that it will on that account be easier to get them released.

Yours sincerely,

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

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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November 7, 1941

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

On April 22, 1941, the officers of The Rockefeller Foundation made a European refugee scholarship grant to the Institute for Advanced Study to defray the travel expenses of Professor Paul Langevin and his wife from Paris to the United States.

The other day a distinguished French physicist arrived here from Paris and told me that Professor Langevin was imprisoned in Paris, having been arrested for a second time. It was the opinion of our informant that it was beyond all reasonable doubt to expect that Professor Langevin would be permitted to leave Occupied France.

Under these circumstances we would like to cancel the grant for Professor Langevin so that these funds may be available for assisting other refugee scholars who have greater opportunity of leaving France. However, we would not wish to do this unless you are in entire agreement. If you feel that there is any hope at all, we should be glad to keep the account open on our books. Otherwise, I should appreciate a brief note from you agreeing to the cancellation.

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Dr. Aydelotte

November 7, 1941

With all kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Frank Blair Hanson

Frank Blair Hanson

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

FBH:CR

November 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Liebman:

I am afraid there is no prospect of getting Langevin out of prison. I reported to Mr. Stein some time ago that the latest word I received was that Langevin had been imprisoned again by the Nazis. You probably heard last Spring that the French Ambassador, Henry-Haye, absolutely refused to do anything about the case, and the only chance I see now is to get some assistance through Casquer channels. The Friends have ways of communicating with occupied France and have promised to do anything they can, but they were very pessimistic about the possibility of securing Langevin's release.

You doubtless know that Varian Fry has had to come back from Marseilles and that a young Rhodes Scholar whom I suggested, Chadbourne Gilpatric, is going over in Fry's place as representative of the Rescue Committee. I have told Gilpatric about the Langevin case and he will make every effort that he can. I am not too sanguine as to the results, but I think it might just be worth while to ask your contributors to wait until we hear from Gilpatric after his arrival on the other side.

With warm appreciation of your efforts, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Charles J. Liebman
570 Lexington Avenue
New York City

FRANK AYDELOTTE

November 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Stein:

I had a letter from Charles Liebman this morning inquiring about Langevin and asking what he should do in connection with the checks he is holding. I enclose copy of my reply to Mr. Liebman, since I have made all my reports to you in the past and I want you to have full knowledge of the situation.

I hear that Dr. Flexner had suggested to you that you should come down to Princeton some day and look over the Institute, but that this visit was never made. I should like to renew very cordially Dr. Flexner's invitation and suggest that if you ever have the time you should come down either for lunch or tea with me at the Institute to meet some of the members of our group and see what kind of a place this is.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Fred M. Stein, Esq.
270 Madison Avenue
New York City

FRANK AYDELLOTTE

FA/MCE

Columbia University
New York City
November 6, 1941

Dear Sir or Madam:

On December 2, 1940 we addressed a letter to you asking for your signature on a protest against the imprisonment of Professor Paul Langevin. Shortly after we sent the telegram, Professor Langevin was released. We have been informed now that the following Members of the French Academy have been arrested:

Emile Borel, Professor of Mathematics at the Sorbonne
Paul Langevin, Professor of Physics at the College de France
Aime Cotton, Professor of Physics at the Sorbonne
Charles Mauguin, Professor of Mineralogy and Crystallography at the Sorbonne
Louis Lapicque, Emeritus Professor of Physiology at the Sorbonne

We think it would be appropriate to send another protest, and we think it would be best to have it made through our ambassador in Vichy to the French Government, and ask him to submit it to the Government of the occupied area.

We enclose a draft of a cablegram to be sent. If you are willing to sign this protest, would you be good enough to endorse the enclosed and send it back by return mail.

Yours very sincerely,

Franz Boas
Franz Boas

Leslie C. Dunn
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November 5, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I am wondering what is happening to the Langevin case. I heard from a friend of mine that he has been imprisoned as a hostage. Do you think there is any likelihood of our getting him out and over here?

I am writing because I am holding checks from contributors and I think the time has come to return them if the case is hopeless. Do you happen to know who it was that was attending to the visa requirements? Was it somebody at the Rescue Committee, or was it yourself?

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,



CJL:K

Charles J. Liebman

CALEDONIA 5-6638

FRED M STEIN
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

September 19, 1941

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I have your letters reporting on
the unfortunate happenings to Professor Langevin.

I have sent copies to Mr. Liebman,
so that we can try to hold open the subscriptions
we had for him as long as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Fred M Stein

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

FMS:KH

September 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Stein:

In accordance with Dr. Aydelotte's
promise to keep you informed about the develop-
ments concerning Professor Langevin, I enclose
copy of a note which has just come from the
American Friends Service Committee.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSER

Secretary to Dr. Aydelotte

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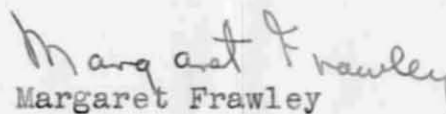
Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

The day following our letter to you about Professor Langevin, our Marseille office wrote to tell us that they had been in touch with the Service Sociale d'Aide des Immigrantes and had learned that not only was Professor Langevin in prison but there was a good deal of difficulty in discovering in what prison he was interned. French Friends are now working in the prisons in the Paris areas and will, I know, do all that they can to help.

We shall hope to have more cheerful news for you later.

Sincerely yours,


Margaret Frawley

MF/MY

September 10, 1941

Dear Miss Frawley:

I had not seen the report that Langevin had been in prison, but I am not surprised. I hope you will instruct the Marseilles and Paris offices not to spare any reasonable expense in getting in touch with him, and say to them that we in the Institute and Langevin's many friends in the United States would be glad of any news about him. I have asked Admiral Leahy to do what he can but I have no idea whether anything will be possible. I think more can be done through the Quaker representatives than through any official channels.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Miss Margaret Frawley
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September 9, 1941

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
School for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

On July 4th you wrote to Clarence Pickette, asking whether some help could be given to Professor Langevin of Paris, and we wrote to you that our Marseille staff would be very glad to do anything possible in cooperation with the I.M.S., which we understood was already working on the problem. We have not yet heard from our Marseille office but thought that you may have seen the article which appeared in the Herald Tribune of September 3rd which reports that Professor Langevin has been imprisoned in Paris.

It is, as you know, now possible to send seven-line messages between the unoccupied and occupied zones, and our Marseille office can communicate with the Paris Quaker Center in this way. It is possible that they will not wish to mention Professor Langevin's name in this correspondence lest in endeavoring to help him, they should call more attention to him and make his situation the more difficult.

We shall hope to have more encouraging news for you and shall send it along as soon as we have it.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Frawley
Margaret Frawley

MF/MY

(copy to Mr. Stein)

21 August 1941

Dear Mr. Hull:

I am writing to you concerning an eminent French mathematical physicist, Professor Langevin, whom we have invited to the Institute for Advanced Study, provided he can get permission to leave Paris, where he is at this moment, to come to the United States. We have the funds in hand for Langevin's salary for two years plus a generous appropriation from the Rockefeller Foundation to pay his travelling expenses. So far, however, all efforts to secure permission from the authorities to allow Langevin to leave occupied France have been unsuccessful.

It has been intimated to me that about the only hope for Langevin would rest with Admiral Leahy, our Ambassador at Vichy, and I take the liberty of asking whether you would be willing to request Admiral Leahy to make whatever efforts he feels he properly can through the Vichy government to secure the release of Langevin so that he can come to the United States.

I imagine that Admiral Leahy would have a certain personal interest in the case because of the fact that Langevin did outstanding work during the last war on the problem of submarine detection. He is one of the greatest mathematical physicists in the world, and is, in addition, a man of broad liberal views and a firm believer in democracy, all of which adds of course to the difficulties of his position in Paris at the present time. If you feel that you properly can do so, I should be grateful if you would transmit this letter to Admiral Leahy, or if you think it better that I should write to him directly, I shall be glad to do so. I should very much appreciate any help that you can give me on this difficult problem.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

21 August 1941
Lynch Homestead
Stockbridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Rapkine:

I have your letter and have immediately written to the Secretary of State to enlist Admiral Leahy's good offices on behalf of Langevin. I think Mr. Hull rather than Mr. Knox should be appealed to since Admiral Leahy is now, of course, as Ambassador an official of the State Department. I earnestly hope that something may come from this new effort.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Louis Rapkine
care The Rockefeller Foundation
29 W. 49th Street
New York City

Langevin

c/o The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

August 19, 1941

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I have received copies of your letter to Mr. Fred M. Stein (July 18, 1941) as well as the letter of Margaret Frawley, addressed to you (July 11, 1941). I did not acknowledge receipt of these copies that you sent me, waiting to do so, for an occasion when I could write to you usefully.

I know that you have not let up in your generous desire to help get Langevin out of France. Miss Warburg informed me about that. ---- I, too, have been looking for all sorts of clues how to be of help in this matter.

Just this very afternoon, I learned, through a friend of Professor Langevin, that the invitation has finally reached him. I must admit that I do not know how. It may only be that he was told of it by friends to whom I have written, in unoccupied France. However, Langevin is thus "au courant".

A French scholar who just arrived made a suggestion which I pass on to you. Judge it for what it is worth: According to this French scholar, the only hope left, rests with the American Ambassador in Vichy, Admiral Leahy. It seems that the American Ambassador has, as yet, some influence with the Vichy people.

If, by any chance, you could get Secretary of the Navy, Knox, interested in this matter of saving Langevin, so that he can, in turn, ask Ambassador Leahy to intervene, there is some chance of, perhaps, getting Langevin to unoccupied France, whence, I think, there would be no difficulty in getting him here. ---- Both, Secretary Knox and Admiral Leahy may take special interest in Professor Langevin, because of the latter's epoch-making contribution to submarine-detection, during the last war. As a matter of fact, it was Langevin, who discovered the principle of the problem.

Again, I beg you, dear Dr. Aydelotte, to accept this suggestion for what it is worth. I know that you agree with me that nothing should be left undone.

Believe me to be,

Very faithfully yours,

Louis Rapkine

Louis Rapkine

CALEDONIA 5-6638

FRED M STEIN
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

July 21, 1941

Dear President Aydelotte:

It was very distressing to get your letter about Langevin. I hope you may get some more favorable results, but from all the experience I have had or have heard about, I should say it was very doubtful.

Sincerely yours,

Fred M Stein

President Frank Aydelotte
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

FMS:KH

July 18, 1941

Mr. Fred M. ^{Stein} ~~Stine~~
Emergency Committee
Room 1806, 270 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Stine:

After trying every other possibility for assisting Dr. Langevin, I have appealed to the American Friends Service Committee. I enclose a copy of their reply. I am sorry to say that the situation seems to get steadily more difficult. Did I send you a copy of Ambassador Henri Hayes' reply to my appeal? He practically said that he would be willing to help anybody else but not Langevin.

If you have any communication with the people who so generously subscribed to Langevin's support, please let them know that I am still hard at work on the problem and intend to secure his release if it is humanly possible.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

CC to Professor Louis Rapkine

American Friends Service Committee

20 South Twelfth Street

Philadelphia  Pennsylvania

Telephone

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July 11, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Clarence Pickett has asked me to acknowledge your letter of July 4 and to tell you that we should be very happy to be of any help we could in arranging for Dr. Langevin to leave Paris. Unfortunately, our only representative in the Paris area has within the last month returned to the United States so that we are very much afraid that the request comes to us too late to enable us to help. As you know, the American Consulate officials have now left Paris so that at the present time there is no machinery in occupied France by which Dr. Langevin's migration could be arranged.

Our former Paris representative tells us that the border between occupied and unoccupied France is sealed both for travel and for communication and that no permissions are being given for individuals to travel from occupied to unoccupied France. A former secretary of our Committee in Paris, who refused to go to Lisbon and wished to go to unoccupied France, has been waiting since April for her permissions.

We are sorry not to be able to give you more encouraging news and in the hope that the situation may later be improved, we are writing to our Marseille office to tell them about Professor Langevin and to ask them to make the effort when and if it is possible for them to communicate with Paris.

Sincerely yours,


Margaret Frawley

MF:EB

July 4, 1941

Mr. Clarence Pickett
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Clarence:

We are trying here at the Institute to bring Professor Paul Langevin to the United States to spend two years in our School of Mathematics. Because of the fact that Professor Langevin is still in Paris, we have found it extremely difficult to reach him to make the arrangements. Under the circumstances I wonder if it would be possible for any representative of the American Friends Service Committee to undertake to deliver our invitation to Langevin.

I enclose a copy of the letter I have written him, but if there is any Quaker with whom you are in touch who might be able to reach Langevin, I think it would be worthwhile to summarize the invitation in a cablegram. The Institute would be delighted to pay the expenses of the cablegram and to pay the travel expenses of any Friend in Southern France or Spain or Portugal who might be willing and able to undertake a journey to Paris to inform Langevin of this invitation. The matter is somewhat difficult because of the fact that Langevin was President of the French Association for the Rights of Man and consequently is extremely unpopular with the Germans and with the Vichy Government.

The facts about the invitation which should be conveyed in a cablegram are that it is for a membership in the Institute for Advanced Study for two years with a stipend of \$2,500 a year plus a travel allowance sufficiently generous to enable Professor and Mrs. Langevin to come by any route they prefer -- by Clipper across the Atlantic, or even by Trans-Siberian rail and ship or Clipper across the Pacific, if that should prove more feasible. We have a travel allowance up to \$1,500, which should pay their expenses by any route they can manage. If you could assist us in conveying this invitation, I should be most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

CALEDONIA 5-6638

FRED M STEIN
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

June 16, 1941

Dear Doctor Aydelotte:

Thank you for letting me know about the \$400. for the Fund for Langevin. I am very happy that it has been added to what has already been collected so that we shall not have to tax the one man too hard.

I do hope that your appeal to Ambassador Henry-Haye will be of some help.

I should be much interested if you could keep me informed of any progress that you may make in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Fred M. Stein

Doctor Frank Aydelotte,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, N.J.

S/b

June 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Bullitt:

Professor Veblen told me of your very great kindness in the matter of our invitation to Professor Paul Langevin to come to the Institute for Advanced Study for the next two years. As you know, we have a stipend of \$2500 per year for Langevin for two years, plus a fund for traveling expenses for him and his wife by ship or by Clipper, as they may prefer. The appointment will be effective whenever he can come to the United States.

I understood from Professor Veblen that you undertook to transmit our invitation to Langevin and I am wondering whether you have had any response or have even been able to satisfy yourself that the invitation reached him. We have been a little uneasy about the matter, especially since the American State Department was unable to send our communication to Langevin through the American Consular offices in Paris. I have written to Ambassador Henry-Haye explaining that we have issued this invitation to Langevin and asking whether he would be willing to use his influence to facilitate the matter in any way that he felt to be possible. I should be most grateful if you would let me know whether you have had any news at all about the matter.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

William C. Bullitt, Esq.
State Department
Washington, D. C.

PA:MR

June 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Stein:

I am delighted to send you a copy of a letter which I have just received from Pegram which adds another \$400 to the fund for Langevin. I have just appealed to Ambassador Henry-Haye for assistance in enabling Langevin to leave France. Whether this will do any good or not I have no idea, but I thought it best to leave no stone unturned.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Fred M. Stein, Esq.
270 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

FA:MR

June 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I take the liberty of appealing to you in a matter of some importance involving the collaboration of French and American scholarship. This Institute, which is devoted to advanced research, has invited Professor Paul Langevin to come to the United States for a period of two years to work with our students of mathematics and mathematical physics. I am able to offer Professor Langevin a research stipend of \$2500 per year for two years, and have, in addition, an appropriation to cover the traveling expenses of Professor Langevin and his wife either by ship or by Clipper, as he prefers.

I should be most grateful if you would be willing to assist us, first of all, in getting this invitation to Professor Langevin at the Ecole de Physique et Chimie in Paris, and in the second place, in assisting Professor Langevin to get the proper permission from the authorities so as to make it possible for him to leave France. His presence in this country would be hailed with delight by American scholars who know and admire his work, and would, I am sure, have a good effect upon the relations between the two countries. I should be most grateful for any help you are able to give us in carrying out our plans.

On the chance that you are not familiar with the work of the Institute for Advanced Study, I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of our latest bulletin. You will readily grasp the character of this institution when I tell you that it was partly modeled on the Collège de France.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

His Excellency,
the French Ambassador
French Embassy
Washington, D. C.

FA:MR
Enc.

June 13, 1941

Dear Professor Pegram:

I am delighted to know that Columbia University has \$400 which can be applied to the fund for bringing Professor Langevin to this country. We should, of course, be most happy to have him give the lectures in Columbia which you wish, and very warmly appreciates this help in making up his stipend. I am happy to say that we feel so certain that we shall get the full amount that I have some weeks ago invited him and assured him of traveling expenses and two years' support in this country.

I understand the wisdom of your time limit to January 1, 1942, and should be glad to keep you informed as to the success of our efforts to get Professor Langevin out of France. It is appallingly difficult to communicate with him, but I have received in a round-about way assurances that he is eager to come and is making every possible effort to get permission from the authorities. On this side, I am appealing to Ambassador Henry-Haye. Whether or not it will do any good, I do not know.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. George B. Pegram
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

FA:MR

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

June 12, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

The Columbia University Committee in charge of the Faculty Fellowship Fund has set aside \$400, which it would like to use to aid in bringing Professor Paul Langevin of Paris to this country in cooperation with the efforts that you have been making toward this end. The Columbia Committee would wish Columbia University to invite Professor Langevin to give certain lectures here, for which the \$400 could be paid as an honorarium or as a stipend.

Since it has not been at all certain that Professor Langevin can get out of France, the Committee would like not to tie up its money in a commitment indefinite as to time. I think it would satisfy the Committee if we considered this a commitment that will hold until January 1, 1942, but will expire at that time unless Professor Langevin has arrived in this country or is definitely on the way to coming here. Of course, if before January 1 next it should appear clear that Professor Langevin either can or cannot get out of France, it would be very desirable for our Committee to have that information.

Sincerely yours,


George B. Pegram

GBP:H

cc: Professor James W. Angell
Professor Leslie C. Dunn

Copy to Mr. Stein.

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Letter drafted 5/20/41

ADDRESSED TO

Mr. Frank Aydelotte

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Langevin, Paul

MAY 21, 1941,

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

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reported that Professor Langevin has been invited to make application for the necessary visa, and you may be assured that everything possible will be done to facilitate his early emigration.

I am returning your enclosure herewith and will write to you again whenever a further report is received in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division

Enclosure:

Documents in
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Langevin

Professor Veblen says that the only way to find out whether Professor Langevin had received the invitation was to write to Mr. Bullitt again and ask whether the invitation had actually been transmitted and whether Langevin had received it.

However, you will note that Mr. Warren states in his letter of May 21 that the invitation will not be required. since it has been ascertained that the Department's telegram reached Paris on May 5.

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The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

May 14, 1941

Dear Mr. Warren:

In order to keep you up to date with the developments in the case of Professor Paul Langevin, I am sending you herewith copies of some correspondence which recently passed between Mr. A. M. Warren, Chief of the Visa Division, and myself.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Mr. G. L. Warren
President's Advisory Committee
122 East 22nd Street
New York City

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Re: VD 811.111 Langevin, Paul

May 7, 1941

Consul General of the United States
Paris, France

Dear Sir:

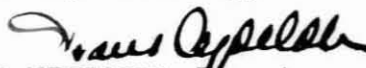
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We are able to provide for Professor Langevin a stipend of \$2500 per year for two years and in addition I have an appropriation from one of the foundations to pay traveling expenses of Professor and Mrs. Langevin, whatever the cost may be, up to \$1500; so that it would be possible for them to come by Clipper if they so prefer. If Professor Langevin wishes a remittance of part of this travel fund in advance, I will try to arrange it.

I am happy to say that we have been able to secure the cooperation of Ambassador Bullitt and of Mr. George L. Warren of the President's Advisory Committee, as well as members of the Department of State, in our effort to arrange for Professor Langevin to come to Princeton. It was thought, however, instead of my writing him directly, that it would be best if I undertook to convey the invitation through you. Although this method may seem informal you may rest assured and you may assure Professor Langevin that it is a definite and firm offer and that if he is willing to accept it he should begin to make his arrangements for travel at once. I should be most grateful for anything you can do in conveying the invitation to him and in assisting him to meet the necessary formalities for leaving France.

Believe me

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FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Re: VD 811.111 Langevin, Paul

May 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Warren:

I appreciate very warmly your kind letter of May 3, concerning our invitation to Professor Langevin, and am especially grateful for your willingness to send in the diplomatic pouch a letter to the American Consul in Paris embodying this invitation. I enclose a letter herewith unsealed and bearing the necessary postage for ship's mail.

Am I correct in assuming that it is impossible for you to cable the American Consul in Paris at the present time? I gather that from your letter, but I should like to make sure, since if it were possible to transmit the invitation by cablegram we should be most happy to pay the expense of doing so. If that is feasible or becomes feasible in the future and you would be willing to transmit our invitation by cablegram to the Consul in Paris, I should be grateful if you would let me know.

With warm appreciation of all your help, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

A. M. Warren, Esq.
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Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Frank Aydelotte, Director,

The Institute for Advanced Study,
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(s) A. M. WARREN

Chief, Visa Division

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Langevin

April 30, 1941

Mr. Fred M. Stein
270 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Stein:

At Dr. Aydelotte's
request I am sending you herewith a copy of a
letter which he received from Mr. Miller of the
Rockefeller Foundation together with his reply.

Very truly yours,
ESTHER S. BAILEY

ESB

Secretary

C O P Y

The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

April 29, 1941

Dear Mr. Miller:

I appreciate very warmly your letter of April 23 informing me that the officers of the Rockefeller Foundation have made a grant of \$1,500 to the Institute for Advanced Study for the travel expenses of Professor and Mrs. Paul Langevin from Occupied France to Princeton. I note the conditions under which the grant is made and shall be very happy to furnish you at the proper time with a statement of the actual expenses incurred and return the balance to the Foundation. It will probably be wise for us to transfer the funds to Langevin by cable. I shall send Mr. Deal a request for payment as soon as we know that Professor Langevin's travel arrangements are definite.

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(signed) Frank Aydelotte

Mr. H. M. Miller, Jr.
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FA:ESB

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The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York

April 23, 1941

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I have the honor of informing you that, as the result of your request, the officers of The Rockefeller Foundation have made a grant of \$1,500 to the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., to enable you to utilize as much of this sum as may be necessary for travel expenses of Professor Paul Langevin and his wife only, from Occupied France to Princeton.

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In view of rising travel costs, it seemed necessary to provide a maximum sum of \$1,500, with the understanding that only so much thereof as may be necessary will be used for the travel of Professor Langevin and his wife, the unused balance reverting to the Foundation.

Mr. G. J. Beal, Comptroller of the Foundation, will take care of payment under this allocation to the Institute for Advanced Study, upon receipt of a request from you, with the information that Professor Langevin's travel arrangements are definite. We expect that these funds will be utilized before the end of the calendar year.

After the arrival in this country of Professor Langevin and his wife, the Comptroller will expect to receive an itemized statement of travel expenses incurred and a refund of the unused portion of the grant.

Sincerely,

(signed) H. M. Miller, Jr.

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE NATURAL SCIENCES

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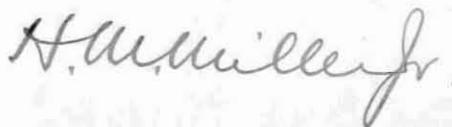
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COPY FOR DR. AYDELOTTE

April 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Veblen:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of April 18, 1941, together
with its enclosure. I am placing it in
the proper channels at once.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. BULLITT

Oswald Veblen, Esquire,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

April 22, 1941

Dear Mr. Stein:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have just received from Moulton, together with my reply. I hope Langevin has received our invitation by this time and that we may have some kind of reply within a few days. I am most grateful to you for your energetic and effective support of this deserving project.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Fred M. Stein, Esq.
270 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

FA:MR

Enc.

Langevin

April 22, 1941

Dear Mr. Moulton:

I am delighted to receive your letter of April 21st and to know that we may count on you for a total contribution of \$500 for Professor Langevin, being \$250 per year for two years. We are now in the process of sending our invitation to Professor Langevin and arranging for his transfer to this country. With the assistance of the International Migration Service and Ambassador Bullitt we hope to overcome the inevitable difficulties and to bring Langevin here as soon as possible. I shall keep you informed of all developments.

In appreciation of the generosity of the Manhattan Research Foundation, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

President Herbert S. Moulton
Manhattan Research Foundation, Inc.
20 Pine Street
New York, N. Y.

FA:MR

TWENTY PINE STREET
NEW YORK

April 21, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Referring to your letter of April 18, I am glad to advise you that, if the proposed arrangements to bring Professor Paul Langevin of France to The Institute for Advanced Study are consummated, Manhattan Research Foundation will contribute to the Institute the sum of \$250 per annum for two years, or a total of \$500, to enable Professor Langevin to carry on his work there.

A check for the first \$250 will be remitted to the Institute as soon as we are informed that Professor Langevin has been brought to this country and is prepared to undertake his work at the Institute.

Very truly yours,

MANHATTAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

By *Robert S. Moulton*
President

HGM/mpg

Copy to Mr. Stein

April 21, 1941

Dear Professor Rapkine:

Many thanks for your letter of April 18th. The facts are as stated, except that I have not yet had a final written confirmation from Dr. Miller. We have nevertheless gone ahead to send the invitation to Dr. Langevin, working through Ambassador Bullitt and Mr. Warren. I understand that a similar invitation has already been sent from Columbia to the elder Perrin.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Prof. Louis Rapkine
c/o Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York, N. Y.

FA:MR

Copy sent to Mr. Stein

April 18, 1941

President Herbert G. Moulton
Manhattan Research Foundation
20 Pine Street, New York City

Dear Mr. Moulton:

As you may have heard, we are making efforts to bring Professor Langevin from France to the Institute for Advanced Study. Professor Langevin is one of the greatest French scholars of the present day, and he is in addition a great liberal, which fact endangers his personal safety under the German regime.

Under the leadership of Mr. Fred Stein a group of people are trying to raise a fund of \$2,500 per year for two years as a stipend which will at least enable Professor Langevin to live in Princeton. I am writing to ask whether the Manhattan Research Foundation would be willing to make a contribution of \$250 per year for two years for this purpose.* We should very greatly appreciate such a gift, and it would be hard to find any use for that amount of money which would mean more to the morale of scholarship throughout the world. If we can gather together the fund which I have indicated for the stipend, we have assurances of traveling expenses from other sources and can go ahead immediately to invite Professor Langevin to this country. We have every hope that by aid of the representatives of the United States Government we may secure permission for him to leave France.

We should very greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Manhattan Research Foundation in making up the fund.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

FA:ESD

*i.e. \$500 towards the total fund of \$5,000

April 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Stein:

I am perfectly delighted to have your letter this morning enclosing copy of yours to Mr. Hanson with the assurance that we now have a guarantee of \$2,500 a year for Langevin for two years plus \$1,000 for traveling expenses. I am getting cablegrams off today and hope with the aid of the representatives of our government in France to be able to arrange for Langevin's immediate transfer to the United States. I shall keep you informed of all developments.

With deep appreciation of your splendid work on this case, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Mr. Fred M. Stein
270 Madison Avenue
New York City

FA:ESB

April 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Warren:

I am very happy to be able to inform you that we are definitely assured of a stipend for Langevin for two years at the Institute for Advanced Study and that we have unofficial assurance from the Rockefeller Foundation of a fund to pay the travel expense of Professor and Mrs. Langevin to the United States.

We feel that the case is so urgent that we have already arranged through Ambassador Bullitt to have an invitation telegraphed to Langevin immediately. Am I right in my understanding that you have already arranged with the American Consul in Paris for visas for the Langevins to come to the United States? Are there any other efforts that we should make or any other formalities which remain to be complied with? I should very much appreciate any assistance you can give us in arranging for the two of them to secure permission to leave France and secure passage to this country.

The stipend which we have for Langevin is \$2500 per year for two years. I do not know what the travel fund will be. The figure first mentioned was \$1000, but I have suggested to the Rockefeller Foundation that it might be safer to allot a somewhat larger amount, with the understanding that any unexpended balance would be returned to them.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

George L. Warren, Esq.
President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees
122 East 22nd Street
New York City

FA/MCE

P.S. Since this was dictated Professor Veblen has told me of his conversation with you. In accordance with your request, I enclose copy of the formal letter of invitation to Professor Langevin and also copy of Professor Veblen's letter to Ambassador Bullitt, asking him to transmit the invitation by cable. I am a little uncertain as to whether I should mail my letter of invitation or whether it is better to let you and Mr. Bullitt manage this. I shall be guided by your advice.

April 18, 1941

Dear Dr. Miller:

In accordance with Professor Veblen's telephone conversation with you today, I should like to make an urgent request to the Rockefeller Foundation for a travel fund to bring Professor and Mrs. Langevin from France to the United States.

As you probably know, a group of people who are interested in Langevin have made up a fund which enables us to offer him a stipend of \$2500 a year for two years at the Institute for Advanced Study. We ought, in addition, to have a fund to pay traveling expenses and have been encouraged by Dr. Gregg to apply to you for such a grant. The sum which we had in mind asking for was \$1000.00. You know, of course, the uncertainties of traveling at the present time and the consequent increased cost, so that if the officers of the Foundation were willing to set aside a larger amount I should feel much more comfortable about it and should, of course, be most happy to see that any unexpended balance was returned to the Foundation.

There seems to be no doubt that Langevin is in actual physical danger at this moment, so that it is extremely urgent that arrangements to bring him to the United States should be made as soon as possible.

I should be most grateful if the officers of the Foundation found it possible to grant this request.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Harry M. Miller, Jr.
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FA/MCE

Handwritten initials: S.C.P., M.P.P., S.

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April 18, 1941

Handwritten note in a box: R-2 - January starting by

Handwritten signature: Howland Shaw

Dear Professor Langevin:

It gives me great pleasure to transmit to you, on the recommendation of our School of Mathematics, a most cordial invitation to become a member of the Institute for Advanced Study for a period of two years, with a stipend of \$2500 per year. In addition to this we shall be able to pay the travel expense of yourself and your wife, for which purpose we have set aside a sum of \$1000.00. If by any chance the cost of your trip to the United States exceeds this sum we shall try to find the extra amount. This invitation is effective at any time that you are able to come to Princeton. From our point of view, the earlier you can come the better.

I am happy to say that we have been able to secure the assistance of Ambassador Bullitt in conveying this invitation to you and that Mr. George L. Warren of the International Migration Service has undertaken to assist you in obtaining the proper visas. Mr. Warren will forward his request directly to the American Consul in Paris.

Looking forward with great pleasure to having you join our group in Princeton, I am

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Frank Aydelotte

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Paul Langevin
Ecole de Physique et Chimie
Rue Vanquelin
Paris 5^e, France

FA/MCE

c/o Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street,
New York City.

April 18th, 1941.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 16th. As I learned today, the funds have at last been raised for Professor Langevin, and I am informed of the fact that Dr. Miller communicated with you this morning concerning the travel expenses of Dr. Langevin and his wife.

I am very much elated over all these good results. I understand that a letter will be written to Mr. George Warren concerning these new developments.

Let us hope that something similar will be possible in the near future for Dr. Jean Perrin.

I am, believe me,

Very faithfully yours,

Louis Rapkine

Louis Rapkine.

C O P Y

April 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Bullitt:

The Institute for Advanced Study is able to invite Professor Paul Langevin to become a member of the Institute for two years, with an annual stipend of \$2500. In addition, our Director, Dr. Frank Aydelotte, has assurances of a reasonable allowance (of the order of magnitude of \$1000) to pay the travel expenses of Professor Langevin and his wife. Since Dr. Aydelotte was obliged to be away from Princeton today, he asked me to see that the invitation be transmitted to Professor Langevin with as little delay as possible. A few minutes ago I had a telephone conversation with your secretary, Mr. Carmel Ossie, who suggested that I should send the facts to you and that you would be glad to transmit the invitation to Professor Langevin. I understand also from the office of Mr. George Warren, the Secretary of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, that there will be no difficulty about obtaining an American visa for Professor Langevin.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 18, 1941

Dear Frank:

I spoke with Dr. Miller over the telephone at noon. His information was to the effect that Professor Langevin is now at Troyes near Paris, in the occupied zone. He told me that through Mr. Rapkine he was informed that through Mr. George Warren, the Secretary of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees (whose office is at 122 East 22d Street, New York City, and whose telephone number is Gramercy 5-1093) instructions had been sent to the American Consulate in Paris to issue a visa for Professor Langevin.

After discussing several possibilities, Dr. Miller thought that our best procedure would be to call up Mr. William C. Bullitt at the State Department in Washington. He felt sure that if Mr. Bullitt were not there, his personal secretary, Mr. Carmel Ossie, would know all about the case and would be able to help us out.

Dr. Miller had previously thought that we might suggest that the message could be transmitted by a former secretary of Miller's, who is now a secretary in the American Embassy. This person is Mlle. Reneé Michel, and Miller thought that she could pass the message on to some friend of Langevin's, as, for example, Charles Jacob, the Director of the Caisse Nacional de Recherche, 13 Quai d'Orsay. Another possible avenue of communication would be Professor Faure-Fremiet, an embryologist. I am putting these details down for the record.


What I actually did was first to telephone to Mr. Warren's office and verify the fact that everything is in order for an American visa. I didn't reach Mr. Warren himself, but his secretary requested that you should write him a statement about the offer which is being transmitted.

After this I called up Mr. Bullitt's office at the State Department and found that he was out of town. I succeeded, however, in reaching his secretary, Mr. Ossie, at the latter's home address. Mr. Ossie said explicitly that they know exactly how to reach Professor Langevin, and that he did not want us to formulate a message to Langevin but merely to give Mr. Bullitt the facts and they would attend to transmitting the invitation in their own way. I then dictated the letter of which I enclose a copy, and intend to send it off as soon as it is ready.

While I was out for lunch a message was received from Dr. Miller's office suggesting that you write him a formal application for the traveling expenses for Langevin, which they would receive on Monday morning, in time for inclusion in the docket of their meeting. Dr. Miller thought that probably somewhat more than \$1000 would be needed for this purpose, but did not specify the exact amount. I suggested to Miss Eichelser that she prepare such a letter for your signature when you get back this evening.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Aydelotte

Oswald Veblen 

avec le matériel d'usage

Prof. Edmond Bauer

Laboratoire de Physique

Clément-Ferrand

Faculté de Physique et Chimie

rue Vauquelin

Paris (5)

April 18, 1941

Memorandum for Dr. Aydelotte:

Dr. Miller said they would probably ask for more than \$1000 for travel for Professor Langevin so as to be sure to have enough. Use of travel fund would be limited to Professor and Mrs. Langevin. Dr. Miller's secretary called this afternoon and said they would like to receive the formal application by Monday so as to have it for inclusion in the docket of the meeting that day.

O. V.

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Oswald Veblen

CALEDONIA 5-6638

FRED M STEIN
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 17, 1941

Dear President Aydelotte:

I have just heard from Dr. Alan Gregg that everything is all right at the Rockefeller Foundation and that the only reason nothing has been done is that they were waiting to be assured that Professor Langevin's maintenance for two years had been secured.

At his suggestion, I have written a letter to Mr. Hanson, who he says will immediately proceed to do the necessary paper work to see that the travel allowances are put through and sent to you direct.

I am assured by Dr. Gregg that there is no question at all about this going through and that you may start work on the matter at once.

Sincerely yours,

Fred M Stein

President Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

FMS:KH
Enc.

April 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Hanson:

At the suggestion of Dr. Alan Gregg, I am writing you to inform you that I have the pleasure to announce that we have guarantees of \$5,000. for two years' support of Professor Paul Langevin at the Institute for Advanced Study, and that President Aydelotte is proceeding at once to try to arrange for Professor Langevin to come to this country and is announcing to him his appointment at the Institute.

I should therefore appreciate it very much if you would arrange for the appropriation of the necessary travel allowance, to be sent to President Aydelotte for this purpose.

I am sending a copy of this letter to President Aydelotte, so there need be no delay in proceeding to go through the necessary steps to try to bring Professor Langevin over here.

Thank you for your consideration of this case, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. F. B. Hanson
Natural Sciences Division
Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York, N. Y.

FMS:KH

COPY

April 16, 1941

Dear Eugene:

Mr. F. H. Harrison, of your office, called me up this morning and explained to me why I had not heard from you. He then gave me the very good news that a grant could be made by application from President Aydelotte of the Institute for Advanced Study from your Manhattan Research Foundation, and that they then would grant \$250. a year for two years towards the stipend of Professor Langevin.

I was overjoyed to get this information because we who are trying to raise this money have been a little depressed as, when we got to \$3,000., we seemed to be stymied as nothing seemed to come in for several days - and - as time is the essence, it was important that we should get more money quickly; and this gift is just the encouragement we needed, and I am very appreciative of your response.

I shall probably see President Aydelotte tomorrow, and I shall ask him to make the application direct. Of course it is a matter of complete indifference as to whether the money goes through our Committee or goes directly to the Institute for Advanced Study - in fact, I prefer the latter course.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Eugene Meyer,
c/o Washington Post,
Washington, D. C.

S/b