

June 5, 1947

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Marston:

You may take it as approved that the Institute will pay an honorarium of \$100 to Frechet for his lectures at the Institute.

I am glad that you agree with Veblen and me that Hua should have \$2,000 from the Institute in addition to his \$2,000 from the University and that we should give him permission to give this instruction.

We can assure Arens of \$400 for the summer out of the mathematics stipend fund. We have a little surplus in this fund due to the resignation from Owens.

In regard to office space the difficulty is that somewhere between fifty and fifty-five people have been assured of membership in the Institute in the School of Mathematics for the next academic year. I have already emphasized to the Department the seriousness of the problem of finding places for these individuals to work. We can doubtless find offices for your assistants during the summer but the problem of allotting space for the next academic year is so serious that I hesitate to make any commitments in advance. It may be that individuals like Goldstine who still use office space in Fuld Hall should be required to do all their work in the computer building. The question of priority as between individuals who are here on Government contracts and those who are here for their own researches is becoming a difficult one.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Copy to Miss Blake  
Miss Miller

*file under Morse*  
January 10

Dr. Aydelotte:

After Prof. Morse had spent  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours here yesterday dictating this and others, the doctor told him to go to bed and stay.

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

January 9, 1947

Dear Frank:

I am enclosing a list of the recipients of the degree Docteurs honoris causa granted in December by the University of Paris with the approval of the Ministry of Education of France. The other two Americans who were there were Lancaster of Johns Hopkins whom you know, and Evans of California the discoverer of the uses of Vitamin E. Both these men had their expenses paid, together with those of their wives, by their respective universities. The University of Paris gave us hotel accommodations, including room and board.

I learned a great deal concerning the mathematical situation, not only in France, but also in Germany and Italy, and am enclosing a memorandum which I have prepared for my mathematical colleagues. I think the Italian field is particularly fertile.

*Filed under School of Mathematics*

While I was in Paris UNESCO was going ahead very fast. Julian Huxley was elected Director. I saw a great deal of Needham (Executive Secretary), and Arthur Compton who played an important part. The American Mathematical Society will have to make full use of UNESCO in obtaining funds for its Mathematical Congress in 1950. There are many political difficulties however, in particular the relation between UNESCO and the scientific unions. I shall not bother you with the details, but if for any reason you have a special interest in these problems I shall be glad to give you further information.

I picked up a germ on the Ile de France -- a thing which is not at all to be wondered at since I was in a cabin with eleven others -- and carried this germ for two weeks in the Grand Hotel du Louvre which had the feel of an unoccupied tomb; capping all this by a plane ride across the Atlantic from Iceland to Newfoundland in which the heating apparatus broke down. The X-rays at the Princeton Hospital show that I had a mild form of bronchial pneumonia. I believe I am now beginning to recover from the effects.

While in Paris I had conversations or dinner with every mathematician of consequence, conversed for about five minutes with Bidault while he was still President of the Council, had a very interesting conversation with Lord Duff-Cooper concerning UNESCO, with the Dean of Ambassadors at Paris the Papal Envoy; but was unable to accept the kind invitation of Caffery, the American Ambassador. I hope this information will be of some interest to you. Cordially yours,

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
Highland Park Florida Club  
Lake Wales, Florida  
MM:GB

*Marston*  
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Marston Morse

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.- M. Philippe MEYLAN, Professeur à la Faculté de Droit de Lausanne (Romaniste, Historien du droit).- Présent.

M. Charles de VISSCHER, Professeur à la Faculté de Droit de Louvain (Juge à la Cour Internationale de Justice).- Présent.

MEDECINE

.- M. JUDINE, Chirurgien, Chef de l'Institut Sklifassovski, Professeur à l'Université de Moscou.- Absent.

M. J.G. SCHAUMANN, Professeur de maladies cutanées et syphilitiques au Karolinska Mediko-Kirurgiska, Institutat de Stockholm.- Absent.

M. Herbert M. EVANS, Directeur de l'Institut de Biologie expérimentale, Université de Californie, Berkeley, Californie (E.-U.).- Présent.

SCIENCES

.- Sir Lawrence BRAGG, Professeur de mineralogie, Directeur du Cavendish Laboratory de Cambridge (Grande-Bretagne).- Absent.

M. P.A.M. DIRAC, Professeur de Mathématiques à l'Université de Cambridge (Grande-Bretagne).- Absent.

M. MARSTON MORSE, Professeur de Mathématiques à l'Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New-Jersey (Etats-Unis).- Présent.

LETTRES

.- M. CARRINGTON LANCASTER, Professeur de littérature française à l'Université Johns Hopkins de Baltimore (Etats-Unis), Président de "The modern Language Association of America".- Présent.

M. Einar LOFSTEDT, Professeur honoraire, ancien Recteur de l'Université de Lund (Suède) (Travaux de philologie et linguistique latine).- Présent.

PHARMACIE

.- Dr. Emile VOTOCEK, Professeur de Chimie expérimentale, minérale et organique à l'Ecole Polytechnique tchèque de Prague.- Présent.

December 14, 1946

Professor Marston Morse of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study was awarded the Doctor's Degree, honoris causa, at the Sorbonne in Paris today, it was announced by Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director. Professor Morse is a graduate of Colby College, with a Doctor's Degree from Harvard. He taught at Cornell, Brown and Harvard before becoming a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study in 1935. He is a member of many learned societies and the author of important contributions to the science of mathematics. Professor Morse is Chairman of the Committee of Mathematics of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council. He was a former president of the American Mathematical Society and a winner of the Bocher Prize. He was Lecturer of Mathematics by invitation at the Sorbonne and the Henry Poincaré Institute and also lectured in five German universities. Professor Morse received a citation for Meritorious Civilian Service from the War Department for his work on the proximity fuse and other problems in ordnance in the present war.

October 3, 1946

Dear Marston:

I read your account of Birkhoff with the greatest interest. I think you have done the thing with insight and charm and I am sure every friend of Birkhoff's will feel grateful to you. My son Bill who knew Birkhoff at Harvard read it also and asks me to express to you his congratulations as well.

Yours sincerely,

FA:jer

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

*copy to Miss Blake*

September 25, 1946

Dear Mrs. Shipley:

One of the members of our Faculty, Professor Marston Morse, has just had conferred upon him the very distinguished offer of an honorary degree from the University of Paris to be conferred at a conference to be held in the last part of November.

Professor Morse is writing to you to request a passport which would enable him to make the trip from the United States to France and return to attend this seminar. His going seems to be a matter of much more than individual importance in these days when cultural relations seem to offer the best hope of unifying the world. I should appreciate it very greatly if you would grant him a passport for this purpose.

I suggest that the passport should allow travel both in France and in England since it is not certain what transportation Professor Morse can find. It may be necessary for him to take an English ship and cross the channel to France.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:kr

Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley, Chief  
Passport Division  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

January 1, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS MILLER:

I have approved Professor Morse's request for an assistant for a short time at a cost not to exceed \$300. Further details may be obtained from Professor Morse.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

FA:jsr

Copy To Prof. Morse



December 19, 1945

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Morse:

If you will send me a statement of your expenses  
in connection with the meeting of the Executive  
Committee in New York yesterday, I shall be glad to  
send you a check in reimbursement.

Yours sincerely,

Jane S. Richardson  
Assistant Secretary

June 28, 1945

Professor Marston Morse  
40 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Morse:

I have received legal advice to the effect that it will be necessary for the Institute to obtain the approval of the National War Labor Board for increases of salary for members of our staff before these increases can be legally put into effect. I had assumed that this would not be the case since the regulations specifically exempt "organizations operated without profit and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes." It appears, however, that the War Labor Board in making this exception in one paragraph has practically withdrawn it in the next and that specific permission will be necessary for any increase which we may desire to make.

I am taking urgent measures to get a ruling from the War Labor Board but if it proves impossible to get them to act before the middle of July, your check for that month will be kept at the old rate until such time as we receive permission to make the increase voted by the Board of Trustees. If and when permission is granted by the War Labor Board for this increase, I shall ask to be allowed to make it retroactive as from July 1, 1945.

Miss Miller will be glad to give you at any time such news as there is concerning the progress of our negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:jsr

Dear Mr. Moore:

Professor Morse, whose name is given on the other side has a permanent appointment as professor of mathematics in the Institute for Advanced Study and is doing important work for the Government. He is a completely responsible person both as to character and as to financial position, and thoroughly qualifies for the credit privileges which you mention. His address, incidentally, is given wrongly. It should be 40 Battle Road, Princeton, New Jersey.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. B. Moore  
Credit Manager

Frank Aydelotte, Director

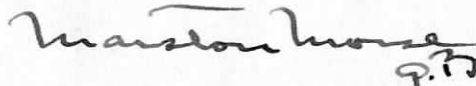
THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 22, 1945

Dear Doctor Aydelotte:

This letter is intended to express to you and to the Board of Trustees of the Institute my thanks for the recent action of the Board affecting the salaries of the mathematicians. This action is welcomed not only because it affords a measure of financial relief, but also because it can be considered an expression of confidence in the ideals of scholarship which we are striving to uphold and in the research to which our lives are devoted. Isolated as the scholars of the Institute are, they are greatly stimulated and encouraged by any confirmation of the essential unity of purpose of those associated with the Institute in whose hands the destiny of the Institute lies.

Faithfully yours,

  
Marston Morse

Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director  
Institute for Advanced Study  
MM:GB

January 20, 1945

Professor Marston Morse  
40 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Morse:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study at their meeting on January 19th approved my recommendation that your salary should be fixed at \$15,000 per year beginning July 1, 1945. This action will make no change in your annuity payments and those of the Institute which are actually 5% in each case of \$15,000.

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It is a great satisfaction to me to have the Institute in a position to take this action and I send you my heartiest good wishes for the continued success of your scientific work.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:jsr

Copy to Miss Miller

January 26, 1944

Dear Morse:

This is a purely formal note to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the Institute at its meeting on January 25th confirmed the action taken by the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 14, 1943, concerning the additional payments on your behalf to the T.I.A.A. I gave you the details in my letter of December 16th and I am glad to learn from Miss Miller that payments were begun on the new scale as of January 1st.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

FA/MCE

December 16, 1943

Dear Morse:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 14th recommended that \$125 per year be added to the \$625 which the Institute at present pays to the T.I.A.A. on your behalf, provided you are willing to make an equal increase in the sum deducted from your salary for this purpose.

I am informed by the T.I.A.A. that these payments, if begun on January 1, 1944, would entitle you to an annuity of \$4250.52, commencing July 1, 1957, with one-half benefit to Mrs. Morse should she survive you. I enclose a copy of Mr. Mattock's letter on this subject. If you will notify Miss Miller Saturday morning of this week as to whether this arrangement is satisfactory to you, the proper payments can be made as of January 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Marston Morse  
40 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey  
FA/MCE

FRANK AYDELOTTE

December 10, 1943

Dear Morse:

Many thanks for your two letters of November 8th. Let me assure you that you do me a real service in keeping me informed of the progress of your own studies and of your war research. I hope you will do so more constantly and more fully in the future in order that I may be able to give the Trustees some idea of the important work you are doing and the credit which it reflects upon the Institute.

As to the future, I can assure you that the arrangements now contemplated for the men who are due to retire in the next two years are based upon commitments antedating the assurances given to you. The task which the Trustees now face is to fulfil these promises within the limits of the funds available and where funds do not reach to determine the order of priority.

A year ago the outlook filled me with gloom; now I think I see light ahead. I am determined that no promise of mine shall ever go unfulfilled and therefore I can at the moment make no promises, but I can assure you that I have your situation continually in mind and that I shall receive with the keenest interest any account of progress of your own scholarly work at any time.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Marston Morse  
40 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey  
FA/MCE



April 9, 1943

Dear Morse:

Warmest thanks for your fine letter, which gives me just what I want. I hope when the war is over that you will some day explain your theory about the planetary orbits to me in words of one syllable.

You may be sure that I realize fully the sacrifice you are making for the war effort both in respect to your personal life and to researches about which you are so keen. I am sure you are doing the right thing and that the contribution which you and other members of the faculty are making to the public welfare will in the end redound to the credit of the Institute.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

FA/MCE

March 18, 1943

Dear Morse:

Many thanks for the article from  
The Scientific Monthly. I read it with the  
keenest interest and with the strongest approval  
of what you say both about the war effort and  
about the role of mathematics in liberal education.  
There is a lot of very limited thinking and dis-  
cussion of the latter subject which your article  
will, I hope, do something to correct.

Yours sincerely,

**FRANK AYDELOTTE**

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

FA/MCE

June 21, 1940

Dear Morse:

In reply to your letter of June 6  
I wish to say that if you feel that cooperation  
in the seminar at New York University is an  
advantage to you and your work, the Institute  
would be most happy to approve the arrangement.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Marston Morse  
13 Park Street  
Waterville, Maine

FA/MCE

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

13 Park Street, Waterville, Maine

June 6, 1940

Dear Doctor Aydelotte:

Some time ago Dr. Robbins of New York University asked me if I would lecture a few times in 1940-41 in his seminar in New York University. He is devoting a half term of this seminar to my work and its extensions. I said that I would probably be in New York about once a month and would be glad to cooperate with him. This is an advantage to me as well as to him as Robbins and Dr. Friedrichs, who will also participate, are among the ablest young mathematicians in the country.

I am writing you because they have chosen to regularize my lectures by making me a Lecturer. This was unanticipated. The appointment, if accepted, is wholly without stipend, not even including an expense allowance, and will not interfere in any way with my work at the Institute. It is hardly more than a way of exchanging ideas with congenial colleagues. Robbins visits me frequently at Princeton. In the circumstances I believe that you will approve of these arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse*  
M.M.

Marston Morse

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
Institute for Advanced Study  
MM:GB

April 20, 1940

Dear Mr. Maass:

I showed your letter to Professor Morse and talked the matter over fully with him. He asks me to say that he appreciates very warmly your kindness and Mr. Harris's in making this suggestion in regard to the change of his insurance policy. In figuring the matter out, however, he finds that the exchange would be less advantageous than appears, because of the very substantial dividends, which reduce the premiums he is paying at present. Probably there is an advantage in the exchange, but the dividends reduce it to such a point as, in Morse's opinion, to make it hardly worth while to undertake it. He wishes me to assure you of his appreciation of your thoughtfulness in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

FA/MCE

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

April 19, 1940

Dear Doctor Aydelotte:

I wish you would thank Mr. Maass and Mr. Harris for their kind consideration and suggestions with regard to my endowment insurance policy. I do not arrive at Mr. Harris's results because I do not see where he has taken into consideration the fact that I would receive \$700 more in cash if I kept the policy than if I cashed it now. There is also the yearly dividend of \$42 which must be considered. As I figure it, to keep the policy will cost me \$37 more per year than to cash it. As benefits I retain a very small net life insurance and the disability insurance which would amount to considerable should it ever be called on.

Faithfully yours,

*Marston Morse*  
Marston Morse *q.13.*

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
Institute for Advanced Study  
MM:GB

Morse



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JERRY B. GORDON, MANAGER

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Jan 4 1940.

My dear Mr + Mrs Aydelotte  
Just a note to tell you that I  
shall be married on Jan 13 to Miss Louine  
Jefferys. I have known her for three years  
The wedding will be for the family and  
we shall spend a week in the Laurentians  
after that we shall live in Palmer  
Square until we can decide on a house.

I hope your New Year will be as  
happy as mine.

Very truly yours

Marston Morse.

January 8, 1940

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Morse:

My wife joins me in heartiest congratulations on your marriage, and warmest good wishes to your wife and yourself. I can see that this step is going to involve a real problem for you as to a suitable house in Princeton. I have been discussing that matter actively with Earle and other people, and am taking it up with the Board in January. I hasten to say that if we decide on a plan which would be feasible for you, I shall be happy to consider the possibility of including you in it.

With warmest good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely

Frank Aydelotte

FA/db



Fac Morse

18 December 1939  
Dictated Dec. 17

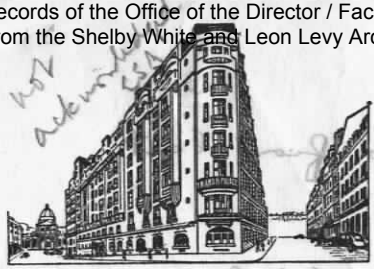
Dear Morse:

I spoke with Mr. Maass over the telephone about your mortgage yesterday, and he saw no reason why such an arrangement should not be made though he did not want to commit himself as to details and amount until the Committee would have a chance to appraise the property and find out from you the purchase price. In principle, however, the investment is exactly the kind of thing the Institute would be glad to make, and I am sure the majority of the Committee will be easy to deal with in regard to details.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

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PARIS, LE May 15 1938

Dear Mr and Mrs Flexner:

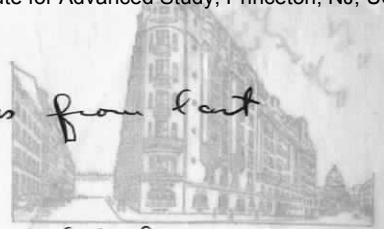
I was sorry not to  
 see you before I left, but  
 hope every thing is going  
 well even in my absence. I have  
 just given two lectures one before  
 the La Société Mall. de la France  
 and one before l'Institut de  
 Henri Poincaré. They were in  
 French much to my surprise. The  
 people here have been very nice,  
 a dinner with Valiron, and  
 a tea at Hadamard's. I called  
 on Chabauty and his new wife. You

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acknowledged

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over

1 rue de VAUGIRARD  
(LUXEMBOURG)



remember him perhaps from last  
year.

I am all thoughts of

Hamburg. My summer will  
probably be spent in France.  
I want to see Julia again as he  
is giving a seminar in my  
theory of "calculus of variations"  
in the large next year.

The French are worried.  
Volterra was here and outspokenly  
anti-Mussolini. Chamberlain is

suspected. I can't see any sign,  
however, of a crisis.

Best wishes for a restful  
summer

as ever

Marston Morse

*For Morse*

May 16, 1937

Dear Professor Morse:

I have yours of the twelfth naming  
Dr. Busemann and Professor Oldenburger as your  
assistants for next year. They will be notified  
promptly of their appointments and the salaries  
attached to their respective posts.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor Marston Morse  
Fine Hall  
Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:MSB

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

May 12, 1937

Dear Doctor Flexner:

I should like to have again for 1937-38 two half-time assistants, and the following have indicated their willingness to accept such positions on the terms indicated:

Dr. Herbert Busemann, 98 Jefferson Road, Princeton  
\$750 (half salary for a single man); and

Professor Rufus Oldenburger, Department of Mathematics,  
Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.,  
\$900 (half salary for a married man).

The Armour Institute will pay Professor Oldenburger half (\$1500) of his salary there, and although the arrangement suggested decreases his income by \$600, it does make it possible for him to spend a year here.

If you approve, will you kindly send official notifications to Dr. Busemann and Professor Oldenburger?

Yours sincerely,

*Marston Morse*

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
P.O. Box 631  
Princeton, N.J.  
MM:GB

Marston Morse

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

October 5, 1936

Dear Doctor Flexner:

On account of the resignation of my assistant, Dr. Myers, I have been in a rather difficult situation. May I say that I was very glad, however, that Myers obtained his position. I have selected two able men whom I would like to have as assistants, receiving \$750 apiece. They are Dr. Herbert Busemann, 98 Jefferson Road, and Professor William L. Duren, 361 Nassau Street. They are willing to serve and I believe are competent young mathematicians. Though both of these men are already registered in the Institute, neither of them has a stipend from the Institute. Professor Duren is on leave with less than half pay, and Dr. Busemann has no outside remuneration.

Hoping that these appointments will meet with your approval,

I am

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse*

Marston Morse

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, N.J.  
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To **MARSTON MORSE**

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June 3, 1936

Dear Professor Morse:

Returning from the West, I find your letter of May 29.

Mrs. Bailey reports that she has notified Doctor Myers in my name that he will be your assistant next year.

I am delighted that Fitcher has his foot on the first round of the academic ladder. I have no doubt that you helped him secure that appointment, which also helped to secure him the girl, so you probably deserve credit for both, though maybe the girl had something to do with her part of it.

I am extremely interested in what you write regarding the Mathematical Congress, and I hope that you and your fellow-mathematicians will succeed in your efforts.

I regret that I could not see you before I went West. Now let me wish you a thoroughly happy and refreshing holiday. I look back upon our relations last year with the keenest satisfaction and delight, and I am sure that they will continue on the same plane.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

P.S.

Professor Weyl sent you a copy of a statement regarding stipends for 1936-1937 and asked me to notify you if there were any changes. The only change is that Carlson is to receive \$750 for one term, instead of \$1,500 for the year. I have notified him accordingly.

A.F.

Professor Marston Morse  
19 Weston Avenue  
Waterville, Maine



*Fac. Morse*

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

May 29, 1936

Dear Doctor Flexner:

You doubtless know that my present assistant, Dr. Pitcher, will be a Benjamin Pierce instructor at Harvard next year. For this I am partly responsible; but I am not responsible for the fact that he will be married in July, though I wish that I could claim the credit here also. For my assistant next year I should like Dr. Sumner B. Myers, a member of the Institute at the present time. His salary I presume will be the usual \$1500, a saving of \$300 over the present incumbent's salary.

You will be interested to know that the Council of the American Mathematical Society voted by mail to empower the delegates to the Congress at Oslo to invite the Congress to convene in America in 1940, provided it does not appear that some other country has a prior right to hold the Congress.

I am leaving shortly, but hope to see you before I go.

Yours sincerely,

*Marston Morse*

Marston Morse

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, N.J.  
MM:GB

*(19 Weston Avenue  
Waterville, Maine*

May 1, 1936

Professor Marston Morse of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society at its recent meeting in Philadelphia and has also been delegated by the American Mathematical Society to represent the Society at ~~the meeting of~~ the International Mathematical Congress to be held at Oslo, Norway, during the coming summer.

May 1, 1936

Dear Professor Morse:

Miss Blake was kind enough to telephone me regarding the two distinctions that have simultaneously been awarded to you by your scientific associates, namely, membership in the American Philosophical Society and the appointment as delegate to represent the American Mathematical Society at the International Mathematical Congress in Oslo in July. I share the natural gratification which you must feel that your scientific eminence has been thus handsomely acknowledged by your colleagues.

I had a letter from Mrs. Flexner this morning, the first letter I have received, telling me that she had a smooth and sunny voyage to England and that she was very much gratified to receive a radio letter from you on her first day out. Thank you very much for your great kindness and thoughtfulness.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

Professor Marston Morse  
Graduate College, Room 1414  
Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB

*M. Morse*

Eliot House E-23  
Cambridge, Mass.  
May 2, 1935

Miss Esther S. Bailey  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Miss Bailey:

I am sending you the Agreement as to Salary Deductions signed. I already have a small policy with the Association taken out by Brown University about ten years ago. You can continue with this policy.

The salary checks during July and August can be sent to me at 19 Weston Avenue, Waterville, Maine.

Thanking you very much for your courtesy in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

*Marston Morse*

May 3, 1935

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Morse:

On March 1 I mailed to you a check for \$25.00 to reimburse you for your traveling expenses to Princeton on February 14, 1935. I do not find your check among those cancelled and returned by the bank. If it was lost in the mail, won't you please tell me that I may send you another check for \$25.00 and ask the bank to stop payment on the one, dated March 1, 1935, #228?

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY  
Assistant Secretary

P.S. Thank you for your letter of the second, which has just come.  
E.S.B.

April 30, 1935

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Morse:

I am enclosing an agreement, which please sign as indicated and return to me.

I assume that you are already on the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America roll for deferred annuity. If not, will you please let me know by return mail that I may send you the proper blanks to fill out? Applications must be signed by the Director, and, as Dr. Flexner is leaving town next week, I should like the matter attended to promptly.

Will you also please let me know where you wish your salary checks sent during July and August?

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY  
Assistant Secretary

March 1, 1935

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Morse:

I have received your letter of February 26 and send you herewith check for \$25.00 to reimburse you for your traveling expenses to Princeton on February 14, 1935.

Mr. Flexner was happy to receive your message regarding the luncheon with the mathematical group. He has already written Mr. Fitcher regarding his appointment as your assistant.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY  
Assistant Secretary

*Morse*

E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

February 26, 1935

Secretary of the Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton  
New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a bill for \$25 covering my recent trip to Princeton for a conference with the Staff of the Institute.

I am also enclosing a note from A. E. Pitcher, who is to be my assistant next year, indicating his acceptance of that position under the conditions which I mentioned to Mr. Flexner. I presume that Mr. Flexner will notify him of his appointment.

Please give Mr. Flexner my regards and tell him I particularly enjoyed dining with the Staff at Princeton.

Very truly yours,

*Marston Morse*



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FEBRUARY 9, 1935

PROFESSOR MARSTON MORSE  
E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
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MEETING IS CALLED FOR THURSDAY MORNING FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH AT ELEVEN

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*Oswald Veblen*

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January 30, 1935

Dear Professor Morse:

Thank you very much for your kind favor of the 29th. We shall insert in the new bulletin the paragraph as you have prepared it.

With all good wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

AF/MCE

January 28, 1935

Dear Professor Morse:

Thank you for your kind note of the twenty-sixth. You have full authority to negotiate with Mr. Pitcher, and that will, I think, be simpler than my writing to him. When you have made your arrangements, if you will notify me, we will send him a formal statement. I quite realize the difficulties which you mention. They are the same difficulties that were mentioned by both Einstein and Weyl. Nor do I wish you to feel under any pressure whatsoever in the matter of time. I am thinking of Pitcher and of the general condition of mathematics in this country, but of course my first thought is that you should have what you want.

With all good wishes and high regard,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Marston Morse  
E - 23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

AF:ESB

E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

January 26, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I have just received your letter regarding Mr. Pitcher and am glad that you are going to offer him 1800 dollars.

I am very much in accord with your feeling that as soon as a young man can, he should go out and make a career for himself and that the Institute should send its own young men out to improve the status of teaching and research throughout the country. In the choice, however, of my assistant for next year I was somewhat limited because I had consciously not taken on any new students this year. Thus I did not have men in that state of advancement which would be more appropriate to the position of an assistant. I imagine that difficulty will be remedied shortly after I come to Princeton.

With my best wishes and high regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse*

January 25, 1935

Dear Professor Morse:

We are now preparing Bulletin No. 4. I desire to have a statement from you that you would care to have included in it. I am sending you herewith a copy of the last bulletin which you may not possess, which will show you the sort of statement made by your associates.

Veblen and I had a good laugh over the fate of your letter about Pitcher. If you still have the letter which you wrote me or a copy thereof, won't you please send it to me for our files?

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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January 21, 1935

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Veblen by mistake mailed you the letter you wrote me

instead of my reply to you which was favorable You will get it tomorrow morning

Very sorry

Abraham Flexner

(Charge Institute for Advanced Study)

January 18, 1935

Dear Professor Morse:

I am happy to approve your selection of Mr. Pitcher as your mathematical assistant, and I leave it to your judgment as to whether he is to receive as his compensation \$1,500 or \$1,300.

We are anxious to avoid regimentation and standardization and have thus far succeeded in doing so without creating the slightest tension, as far as I have been able to ascertain. On the other hand, perhaps you will not mind my calling attention to the peculiar situation of the professorial assistants. These are annual appointments, subject of course to renewal for a relatively brief period of years, for two reasons: (1) in order that, as soon as a young man is able to stand on his feet, he may go out and make a career for himself; (2) that, in order that those young men who have enjoyed close contact with the professorial group may after a time leave Princeton in order to improve the status of mathematical teaching and research throughout the country. It is in this way that Dr. Welch succeeded not only in modernizing American pathology but in revolutionizing American medicine, and the same is true of the Rockefeller Institute. We can of course always under extraordinary circumstances keep a man or call him back, and it has seemed to us best for young men to feel that appointments as assistants are temporary in character, and for that reason we have refrained

Professor Morse

Jan. 18, 1935

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from making the salary so large as to make it difficult for outside institutions to attract them.

Before sending this, I shall submit it to Professor Veblen in order to make sure that I have expressed the views of the mathematical group.

Von Neumann has quite recovered from his cold. The rest of us are well, and all join in warmest greetings and best wishes to you.

With all good wishes and very high regard,

Very sincerely yours,

**ABRAHAM FLEXNER**

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

AF:MSB



E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

*Please return  
to*

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

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I would like to have as my assistant next year Arthur E. Pitcher, who lives at Conant Hall 32, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Pitcher is the best of four men who are working for me this year for a Doctor's Degree and will presumably receive his degree in June. I am not sure whether he would accept 1500 dollars or not if he should later receive an offer of an instructorship. His mother depends upon him in part for support. I think Pitcher could be secured for 1800 dollars and hope very much you will find it possible to make him some such offer.

I was sorry to hear that von Neumann was sick with a cold. I hope you have been in good health through the fall and winter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse.*

December 5, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

I was very sorry that I could not be in Princeton when you came here for a conference with your future associates, and I was horrified when I learned of the unconscionable way in which you had been dragged into an unprecedented conference lasting from eleven a.m. to seven p.m. I am afraid that you may get the idea that we are not quite as informal as we seemed to you on previous visits, but I can assure you that nothing of precisely that character has happened before and, if need be, will be verboten in future. Weyl, Veblen, and von Neumann, and I have had several good laughs over it.

With all good wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXYER

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

AF:ESB

*M. Morse*  
Princeton, New Jersey

NEWS RELEASE - November 12, 1934

Professor Marston Morse, Professor of Mathematics at Harvard University, has accepted a call to a professorship of mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study, founded by Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld, and located at Princeton, New Jersey. Professor Morse will assume his duties at the beginning of the academic year, 1935-1936. His ~~permanent~~ associates in the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study will be the present permanent group, namely: James Waddell Alexander, Albert Einstein, Oswald Veblen, John von Neumann, and Hermann Weyl.

Professor Morse was born in Waterville, Maine, on March 24, 1892. He received his Bachelor's Degree at Colby College in 1914. Subsequently he went to Harvard where he obtained the Master's Degree in 1915 and became a Doctor of Philosophy in 1917. He has been an assistant professor of mathematics at Cornell University and at Brown University. In 1926 he joined the Harvard faculty where he rose to a full professorship. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, ~~and~~ a member of the National Research Council, and was joint winner of the Bocher Mathematical Prize. He is the author of ~~Colloquium Lectures on~~ <sup>*with the Large*</sup> the Calculus of Variations and has contributed important researches to the literature of his subject.

*Part*

*approved*  
*Marston Morse*

E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

November 3, 1934

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Flexner:

This is to confirm my telegram of acceptance of the professorship at the Institute for Advanced Study. I have informed the Division of Mathematics at Harvard of my decision and an announcement can be made at your pleasure. Thanks for your letter reviewing our conversation at New York. It covers the essentials, I believe.

I am looking forward to my new work at the Institute with the greatest pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse*

November 2, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

I returned to Princeton from New York and found your gratifying telegram on my desk this morning. I am sure this marks the beginning of a relationship with your colleagues and the Princeton group which will be both happy and fruitful.

I have drafted a simple announcement which I shall show to Veblen when he returns from New York tonight and mail to you tomorrow after he has had an opportunity to make any suggestions that occur to him. For its release I think we had perhaps better wait until the "tumult and shouting" following the elections die. I suggest therefore that, unless you wish otherwise, I give it to the associated press here to be released on Monday, November 12.

With all good wishes and high regard,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

AF:ESB

November 1, 1934

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Morse:

Your telegram to Dr. Flexner came  
yesterday just after he had left for New York.  
I am sure that he will communicate with you  
promptly upon his return to Princeton tomorrow  
morning.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Assistant Secretary

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ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME=

MARSTON MORSE.

*Mrs. B.*

October 30, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

I communicated in confidence today to the members of our group the fact that you would join us next autumn. Inasmuch as they had themselves suggested you after a very careful survey of the entire field, it will not surprise you when I report that they are extremely happy, and the same is true of Eisenhart and Lefschetz. No announcement will, however, be made until you have wired or written me that I may do so. I have, as I wrote you, one or two additional announcements, but I shall make them all at the same time. I may add that the Executive Committee has given its unanimous approval.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Ever sincerely,

Professor Marston Morse  
E-33 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Professor Marston Morse  
E-25 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge Massachusetts

Deeply gratified by your message Have  
written you in reply to your second letter Request no public announcement  
be made at Cambridge until certain details have been arranged by me

Abraham Flexner

Charge  
Institute for Advanced Study

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Appointed as of July 1, 1935,

(see minutes of regular meeting,  
Jan. 14, 1935, p. 1)

October 26, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

Your telegram reached me a few moments ago, and I replied as follows:

"Deeply gratified by your message. Have written you in reply to your second letter. Request no public announcement be made at Cambridge until certain details have been arranged by me."

My request that no public announcement be made at Cambridge is due to the fact that there are certain other announcements regarding other developments which I hope to be able to make shortly, and I should prefer to make them all at once.

I shall say nothing here respecting your acceptance until the entire matter is closed, as it will be at a meeting of our Executive Committee. As to this, you need have no fear, since the Board authorized me to proceed upon the basis which I have outlined to you, and the confirmation by the Executive Committee is a mere formality.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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MARSTON MORSE.

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October 25, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

It was very kind of you to send me a copy of the letter which you addressed to Professor Gramstein. While our desire to include you in the mathematics group is as keen as ever, we shall understand and accept any decision which you reach. We all join in desiring you to understand that you have our best wishes and highest regard whatever the outcome may be.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

AF:ESB

October 25, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

I received this morning your kind letter of October 24.

As I recall our conversation, I stated that it was my intention to recommend to the Board that the salaries of the professors in the School of Mathematics which are less than \$15,000 should be raised to that sum, but that, in view of the present financial situation, I am not prepared to take that step at this moment.

I am, however, prepared to offer you a salary of \$12,500, beginning July 1, 1935. Of this sum five per cent would be deducted and put into the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, the Institute paying, in addition to your salary, an equal sum.

The age of retirement is 65, but can be prolonged by the consent of both parties beyond that age.

If I have omitted in this letter anything which I said to you, I shall be glad to include it if you will recall it to my memory.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Marston Morse  
E-23 Eliot House  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
AF/MSF

E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

October 24, 1934

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
Institute of Advanced Studies  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Harvard has responded with an offer of a generous increase of salary and a decrease in my teaching hours. Professor Birkhoff has also asked me if I wished anything else and has stated that he would go to President Conant and try to obtain any additional commitments that I might desire. I have replied that if my choice should ultimately be Harvard, I would not wish any more concessions, that I would not regard it as fair to the remaining members of the Division, and that in any case I would not be content unless I remained a homogeneous part of the group of men with whom I was associated. It was my task, then, to decide between the working conditions in the two institutions as they would exist for me.

Before I make the final decision I would appreciate a written statement from you confirming our conversation as to salary, the provision for a retiring allowance, and the retiring age. With such a letter at my disposal I can come to a speedy and, I hope, proper conclusion.

Very sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse.*

E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

October 21, 1934

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
Institute for Advanced Studies  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I thought that you would be interested in the copy of the letter I sent to the Chairman of the Division of Mathematics. The Division has asked for at least a week's time to consider the matter.

May I add that our conversation in New York was very helpful to me.

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse.*



E-23 ELIOT HOUSE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

October 19, 1934

Professor William C. Graustein  
32 Shepard Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Graustein:

On my return from Europe last June I met Dr. Abraham Flexner in New York and received from him an invitation to join the staff of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton. Dr. Flexner and I decided independently that June would not be a convenient time for Harvard to consider such an offer. We agreed that the matter could better be taken up formally in the Fall. Another reason why I wished to postpone the question until Fall was the fact that Professor Birkhoff would not return to Cambridge during the summer. In accordance with our usual procedure in the Division of Mathematics, I am now laying this offer before you and the other members of the Division. I understand also that the matter will be brought to the attention of Dean Murdock and President Conant.

The conditions of work at Princeton are excellent and the Institute has the highest scientific ideals, so that I must consider this offer seriously. In appreciation of Harvard, however, I wish to say that the Division and the University have always treated me in the most encouraging and just manner. I have also found the Eliot House a very friendly environment in which to live. You will understand that I have not found it an easy matter to bring this question before the Division, but under the circumstances I believe it is the proper thing to do.

Very truly yours,

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Professor Marston Morse  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Happy to meet you Tuesday the sixteenth in New York at my residence at three thirty

Abraham Flexner

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Charge Institute for Advanced Study  
20 Nassau Street

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*Morse*

October 12, 1934

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With all good wishes,

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 BOSTON BY PLANE AT TWELVE THIRTY=

MARSTON MORSE.

October 9, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

At the meeting of the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, held yesterday, the creation of an additional chair in mathematics was approved.

I shall be glad to talk with you about the subject, meeting you in New York at your convenience. I must be in Washington Thursday of this week, but I could meet you in New York almost any day next week that you suggest.

Very sincerely yours,

Professor Marston Morse  
Division of Mathematics  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF/MCE

See Dr. Flexner's letter to Professor Veblen,  
dated June 10, 1934,  
regarding conference with Professor Morse.

Morse

150 East 72nd Street  
New York City  
June 10, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

I have just written a letter to Professor Veblen, in which I have tried, as nearly as I could recollect, to summarize our interview yesterday. Inasmuch as I was relying entirely on memory, it may be that your recollection differs from mine. If so, I hope that you will let me know. I may also have omitted something which does not occur to me at the moment.

My foreign address will be: c/o Rockefeller Foundation,  
20 rue de la Baume, Paris.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Marston Morse  
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Form 2-C

June 7, 1934

Professor Marston Morse  
Eliot E-23  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Saturday

Delighted to see you five o'clock ~~Friday~~ afternoon at our New York apartment  
one fifty east seventy-second Street

Abraham Flexner

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY



Morse

May 29, 1934

Dear Professor Morse:

I received your cable a few days ago. Unfortunately, in a weak moment I agreed to deliver the Commencement Address at Swarthmore College this year, and have promised to go to Swarthmore on Sunday, June 3rd. After that I have several days' business in Washington in connection with foreigners who wish to come to the Institute to work. I shall not, I think, return to New York before Friday, June 8th.

Professor Veblen has left Princeton, but I spoke with him and Professor Alexander on the subject. Professor Veblen is inclined to think that you may be spending a few days in this vicinity correcting proof sheets of your new book. Professor Alexander is going to write you inviting you to come to Princeton for a week, if that is feasible.

I can always be reached by letter or telegram addressed to 20 Nassau Street. Let me know where you are likely to be June 9th, please.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor Marston Morse  
Hotel Roosevelt  
Madison Avenue & 45th Street  
New York City  
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ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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May 5, 1934

Professor Marston Morse  
c/o American Express Company  
Paris, France

Dear Morse:

I was very pleased to get your letter written from Oxford. It evidently refers to our conversation in Cambridge a year and a half ago, in which I said that, if you intimated a willingness to consider it favorably, I would suggest that Dr. Flexner offer you a professorship in the Institute. On receiving your letter I showed it to him and found that he was pleased with the idea. He proposed that I should suggest that you and he arrange to see each other in the near future either in this country or abroad, in case he goes to Europe. He also made the customary references to the necessity of consulting his Trustees or the Executive Committee of the Institute. In addition, he would not wish you to break off your Harvard connection abruptly in any way that might embarrass Harvard's arrangements for next year - a position which I am sure you would yourself endorse. (My own experience, however, is that when such a change is in prospect, it is best to make it without delay.)

Flexner prefers, if possible, to talk things out in personal conference. Also he would not like to have you go through a period of pulling and hauling. I hope that you and he can have a conversation of such a character that you can make a definite decision once and for all. There is no doubt that everyone at Princeton would warmly

Professor Morse

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welcome you.

People seem to be pleased with the new format of the Annals. Miss Seely seems to find a good many little points, about which to quarrel with the printers, but I hope that she can get these details in order without bothering you. She wrote that you expected to return to America in the middle of June.

Dr. Plaxner suggests that you arrange about a meeting with him by cable at the expense of the Institute, giving your necessary dates. His movements are not yet determined, and it may be necessary for him or you to change plans somewhat. The cable address is Vanstitute, Princeton, New Jersey.

Elizabeth joins me in best greetings.

Yours sincerely,

OSWALD VEBLEN

OV:ESB

February 1, 1933

Dear Professor Morse:

Thank you for your very kind letter of January 28. I can quite appreciate the difficulty of dealing with one-year appointees. I am very happy indeed to have your sympathy and approbation, and I hope very much that we shall find cooperation increasingly favorable.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Marston Morse  
Division of Mathematics  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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*M. Morse*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DIVISION OF  
MATHEMATICS

January 28, 1933

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
The Institute for  
Advanced Studies  
100 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Flexner:

The members of the Division of Mathematics at Harvard join me in voicing their appreciation of your statement of policy of the Institute, and their cordial desire to cooperate with the Institute whenever mutually satisfactory arrangements in individual cases can be made.

It appears from what Professor Veblen has already written me, and from what you have written me, that the case of Dr. Currier is probably not one well adapted for the making of arrangements suitable both for the Institute and Harvard. The difficulty here arises from the fact that a man is appointed merely from year to year, unless he receives a Faculty Appointment of three years. It does not appear wise to recommend Currier for such an appointment at the moment. Such men as Dr. Seidel and Dr. Gergen are on the same footing. Without recommending Currier for a three year appointment there would seem to be no possibility of the Administration granting him a year off at half pay. For the sake of the success of possible future cases of a more advantageous nature it would appear wiser not to bring the matter before the University authorities at present.

I should like to add that I appreciate and approve the aims of the Institute most heartily, and feel that it has already had a beneficial effect in focusing attention on the more important matters with which a university should be concerned."

Very truly yours,

*Marston Morse*

Marston Morse

January 25, 1933

Dear Professor Morse;

Professor Voblen has told me something of his correspondence with you regarding Mr. Currier. I should like to explain that we are most anxious to make the Institute for Advanced Study useful by cooperation with universities throughout the country. The numbers will be small and carefully selected, so that there will be every possible opportunity for promising young men to develop through their own efforts and by contact with the permanent members of the schools, as they are established. We hope to secure cooperation by assuming, when necessary, half the salary of the really promising young men for a year, sometimes longer, before the sabbatical year entitles them to half salary from their respective universities. I may say in explanation that we are trying this experiment because the sabbatical year may come so late in a man's life as to be relatively unimportant from the standpoint of his development. By the device which I have mentioned above a man to whom an institution attaches great worth can get a year or two years early in his academic career at a time when opportunity of this sort may mean most to him.

Sincerely yours,

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