

11 October 1965

To the members of the Board of  
Trustees resident in Princeton:

Dr. Oppenheimer, who is on a brief trip to the  
West Coast, has asked me to send you the attached,  
which may have come, or may come, to your attention.

The scientific council is, of course, an  
advisory body, and the story is a mistake.

Verna Hobson

Copy to: Mr. Dilworth  
Mr. Boyd  
Gen. Greenbaum  
Mr. Hochschild  
Mr. Henry

cc Mr. Leidesdorf

*Mr Shanker 10/12*

# Oppenheimer Plans To Leave Princeton

PRINCETON — Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, a principal architect of the atom bomb, has apparently changed his mind about staying on in Princeton following his retirement as director of the Institute for Advanced Study here, originally scheduled for June 30, 1966.

Oppenheimer, who announced last April that he would like to teach physics at the Institute after he retired, will

instead join the scientific council of the newly-forming Center for Theoretical Studies at the University of Miami.

Yesterday Dr. Behram Kursunoglu, council chairman and director of the center, said that the council will meet January 18 in Coral Gables, Fla. to discuss principles for the center.

Oppenheimer was teaching theoretical physics at the University of California, Berkeley and the California Institute of Technology when he was tapped to head the Los Alamos atom bomb project in 1943.

He had returned to teaching after the war when he was appointed director of the Institute in the spring of 1947. He lives in a house at 97 Olden Lane on the Institute grounds.

Oppenheimer was the storm center of controversy in 1954 when the government revoked his security clearance because of suspected former Communist sympathies. His name was in effect cleared when he received the Enrico Fermi Award in 1962.

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FALL RIVER, MASS.

SAMUEL DEUTSCH  
Editor

June 27, 1965

Public Relations Office  
Princeton University  
Princeton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

We're interested in verification that Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer is retiring from his post as director of the Institute for Advanced Study.

Kindly let us know if this takes effect this month (June, 1965) or in June of 1966.

We're writing a story on Dr. Oppenheimer's contribution to science in conjunction with information about his retirement. Is there any reason given for his retirement plans?

Please send us a catalog and background information re the Institute for Advanced Study.

We trust to have your cooperation. Our publication is circulated nationally.

Thanking you in advance in anticipation of your compliance to the above, we remain,

Yours very truly,  
JEWISH CURRENT EVENTS  
per: Samuel Deutsch, ed.

*sent copy  
of news release  
& booklet.*



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June 29, 1965

Mr. Samuel Deutsch, Editor  
Jewish Current Events  
110 Madison Street  
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

The Institute for Advanced Study is located  
in Princeton but is not affiliated with Princeton  
University. It is a separate organization.

May I suggest that you communicate with  
the Institute directly? It would be best if you  
address your inquiry to Mr. Minot Morgan, The  
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Andrew Lupichuk  
Assistant to  
the Director

CROSS REFERENCE

FILE: *Inst. Gen - Oppenheimer, resignation of directorship*

RE: *letters from trustees*

LETTER DATED:

SEE: *RO general - Oppenheimer, Director, resignation*

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190 MERCER STREET  
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Letter to Local, this in Paris + 3

In response to a question,

Mr. Leidesdorf stated  
that the board, at this  
time, has not considered  
the selection of a  
successor to Mr. Oppenheimer  
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Michael S. Milder

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