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ARCHEOLOGY (MIDDLE AMERICAN)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

LIBRARY

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

GARRETT, ROBERT

BOYD, JULIAN P.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Academic Activities

Relations *W O A I*

Facilities

Academic Organization

Biographical

THIRXIE as a result of Oppenheimer's acceptance of Miss Sach's recommendation on May 23, 1949, the collection was turned over to Princeton Library during Mr. Boyd's absence:

"While I was away last summer, Mr. Heyl, Associate Librarian, acknowledged the 'gift' of the Mayan manuscripts presented to the Institute by Mr. Robert Garrett. Inasmuch

as Mr. Garrett gave these manuscripts to the Institute with a reversionary condition, I am sure you will agree that they should be recorded as a gift from Mr. Garrett rather than from the Institute. I am, therefore, correcting our records to indicate this.

"I have recently had a letter from Mr. Garrett in which he apparently assumed that the manuscripts were still at the Institute. I told him about our conversation and K&K about the subsequent transfer of the collection. I also apologized for both of us, assuring him that you had assumed I would inform him, and I/^{assumed} he already knew about it, so that neither of us did anything about it. It doesn't really matter, except that Mr. Garrett is the kind of man who likes to be informed."

This is a sad end to a very intensive correspondence between Gates and Flexner, and between McGomas, Garrett, and Rydelotte about the main Gates collection which was ultimately purchased by the Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah in October, 1946, leaving somewhat over \$11,500 worth of still very valuable, unique and useable material for sale.

(Charles A. Musas to Adyette, October 25, 1946, ibid.)

Copies of letters of May 23, 1949 from Miss Sachs to Oppenheimer, and September 14, 1944, from Adyette to McComas, are filed in Chronological file with this memorandum under 1930-1950.

D File, Garrett, Robert - Gates Collection

1933-1957

MEMBERS

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

✓OPPENHEIMER, R.

Discussed top limit of age of members. When I asked him what became of Lydell's pending suggestion that classification of fellows be created, presumably for older men who had retired from their own institutions and who had come to the Institute for periods of work on advantages greater than those adhering to the usual membership and less favorable than those inhering in an appointment to the professorate. He said he knew nothing about that, but alluded to a rule particularly observed in the School of Historical Studies that no man would be asked to come as a member who did not have a place elsewhere to go when he left the Institute. As we discussed it, he also said the

rule might be now phrased in another way--that no man who would be invited to the Institute was did not otherwise have a permanent post unless it was with the full understanding that his term with the Institute had a definite duration and that he should not look to the Institute for further employment tenure.

In this connection Veblen's present attitude again came up for discussion. He said that he thought Veblen was much relaxed and much more confident about the soundness of the methods of approach in the School of Historical Studies and I asked him whether it could not be said that perhaps he was less aggressive on behalf of the mathematicians whereupon he smiled and said he thought that that might be a way of expressing it.

Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, July 1, 1957

1939

March

ROCKEFELLER-BAMBERGER FUND

Foundations

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

See final accounting of Rockefeller-Bamberger Fund.

D, Rockefeller Foundation

1944-1950

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PROFESSORS (EMERITI)

Academic Personnel

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Professor Hornfeld attended no faculty meeting after his retirement July 1, 1944; had attended regularly before.

Lowe, on the other hand, attended after his retirement regularly until the meeting of October 6, 1947, the second which Oppenheimer as Director-elect attended. Thereafter never did.

Einstein and Veblen, emeriti 1944 and 1945 respectively. Continued to attend regularly until fall of 1950 when Veblen's windfall ceased after five years. Thereafter neither attended except Veblen once by invitation (3/11/52) to present his case against permanent members as intermediate appointments to professorships.

Lydolotte was evidently still dominated by School of Mathematics. Pauli and Siegel both attended Faculty meetings beginning December 13, 1945 after both had been offered professorships. (But Pauli had never accepted permanent professorship; Siegel had in fall of 1945) Pauli continued to attend until he returned to Zurich with Oppenheimer's coming. Policy continued to be uneven. Low ceased coming. But Einstein and Veblen attended regularly though professors emeriti until Stewart retired. Perhaps question of continuing attendance of Stewart came up. When Siegel, Veblen and Einstein all ceased attending:

R. G. was informal on other side; Montgomery, Fels and Selberg attended meetings by invitation from November 14, 1950 on, though they became professors ex only July 1, 1951.

Faculty minutes first listed those present at meeting February 9, 1942; previously mentioned only number.

Note: Bulletins listed professors emeriti as they reached 65-- for academic year following birthday.
Faculty Minutes.

1941-1949

ROCKEFELLER-BAMBERGER ECONOMIC FOUNDATION Foundation

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

LEIDERSDORF

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Letters May to September, 1949, on final accounting
Rockefeller balance of June 30, 1945.

Filed in Vertical File under "E" for Economics.

A, Rockefeller-Bamberger Fd., A (Elsa Jenkins)

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1942

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LIBRARY

Facilities

MERITT

Biographical

GARRETT, ROBERT

✓OPPENHEIMER

Part of Meritt's letter not quoted by Miss Sachs is as follows:

Meritt to Aydelotte, April 22, 1942. "As you know, the collection contains a great deal of very valuable material and is in many ways unique. I shall not attempt here to go into the question of subject matter, except to record the fact of a very considerable intrinsic value, for this item has a bearing upon the necessity for careful preservation...Although he speaks as a layman I should recommend having someone come from the New York Public Library or from the Library of Congress or from the Morgan Library come to Princeton for a few days to give this collection his careful attention, and then I think we should be prepared to follow his suggestions as to how what we have can be best conserved and made available for use." It appears that nothing was done according to the file.

In some extenuation is Garrett's letter to Aydelotte, July 28, 1942, acknowledging the Trustees' thanks and acceptance of the gift and indicating that some formalities might accompany the transmission and acceptance of the gift.

"You raise the question again as to expressing the terms of the gift in a more formal document. It might be desirable to do this and I should be glad to have your suggestion for consideration. I have been awaiting some further action on the part of Princeton University authorities on this same line, but with reference to the manuscript collections I have given to the University. Nothing further has happened in that direction, so perhaps it would be well not to wait any longer."

Thus Princeton also was lax in observation of the amenities.

D File, Garrett, Robert - Gates Collection

1943-48

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS
POLICY
BUDGET
KIEPLER, W.
STEWART, W.
ATWELLETTE, F.
✓ SPENNERKINER, R.

Academic Organization
Administration
Financial
Biographical

Vertical File *'Leon + Pol'*

Rockefeller-Bamberger Fund

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1945

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

✓OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

PAULI

Report of School of Mathematics (Weyl) on them as professors--
Important. Presented at School of Mathematics Faculty meeting
February 2, 1945.

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1945

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PAULI, WOLFGANG

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

SIEGEL

Minutes of a meeting of the professors of the School of Mathematics held February 2, 1945.

Shows Einstein, Morse, von Neumann, Veblen, Weyl and Alexander present.

Einstein and Weyl were appointed as a sub-committee to draw up a report on possible candidates for a chair in mathematical physics. The names of Pauli, Rabi, Fermi, Oppenheimer, Dirac, Gamow, and Bethe were discussed. "The group favored Pauli as the most desirable candidate.

"As for an appointment in pure mathematics, a committee of

Weyl and Alexander was appointed to prepare the report on Siegel who was considered by the group as head and shoulders above all others considered

V-8 School of Mathematics Minutes, 1935-1950

1945

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

COMMITTEE

ACADEMISCHER BEIRAT

PAULI, WOLFGANG

Biographical

SIEGEL, CARL LUDWIG

✓ OPPENHEIMER, J. ROBERT

"As the head of two nominating sub-committees, Professor Weyl read prepared statements recommending the appointment of Professors Wolfgang Pauli and Carl Ludwig Siegel for chairs in the School of Mathematics, with Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer as an alternate for Professor Pauli. Dr. Aydelotte stated that he was strongly impressed with the recommendations and would give them most serious consideration."

Minutes of the School of Mathematics, 3/5/45

1945

April

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

PAULI, WOLFGANG

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Memorandum called Report Concerning New Permanent
Appointments in the School of Mathematics.

(1) Theoretical physics. A copy which must have been submitted to the ~~Harvard~~ School of Mathematics Faculty prior to general Faculty meeting and probably resulted in the selection, since Pauli was appointed by the Executive Committee at a meeting June 5, 1945. (See Minutes of that meeting).

The report is an analysis of the work, character and the quality of Pauli and Oppenheimer. It is apparent that in this first (so far as records reveal) consideration of Oppenheimer as a theoretical physicist by the School of Mathematics. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pauli was selected over him.

The file other wise consists of year-by-year accounts of the stipends and stipendiata of the School of Mathematics, and, obviously, Veblen's placing the memorandum in this file was a little bit of calculated prejudice.

At the time of the memorandum, Pauli was 44 years old, Oppenheimer, 40. The final comparison, and this memorandum does not attempt to recap the specific qualifications of each man in theoretical physics, is that "Pauli's command of the mathematical apparatus was, is, and will probably always be far the greater. Regarding qualitative insight, O. since he reached his full stature, comes closer to P. In inspiring other physicists, they are on the same level, perhaps O. even a little above P. as far as their influence on experimentalists on the spot is concerned. But certainly O. has made no contributions to physics of such fundamental nature as Pauli's exclusion principle and analysis of the electronic spin. Physicists outside our own circle agree with this opinion, or express themselves even more strongly to the effect that Oppenheimer is one in a series of younger physicists of nearly equal rank--the names of Gamow, V-7, School of Mathematics, Miscellaneous (Memo. continued)

Bethe, Wigner and Heitler are mentioned--but that they are all several degrees lower than Pauli in originality, depth and lasting influence."

The memorandum here quotes from Professor Rabi:

"Pauli is more suitable because of his great powers of critical evaluation of a problem and his fundamental point of view.

'As a close neighbor of the Institute for Advanced Study I can say with the greatest sincerity that I would regard the appointment of Pauli to the chair of theoretical physics in the Institute as a tremendous help to myself and to the whole community of physicists in the metropolitan region. He would be a great integrating influence and by his presence and example greatly raise the intellectual level of theoretical physics in this community. Oppenheimer, although he would be a great addition to the community, is not sufficiently above the others to have the same effect. Pauli for many years has been the conscience and the criterion of truth for a large part of the community of theoretical physicists.'"

In the ultimate conclusions, a letter from Dirac in Cambridge sums it up with, "Pauli has the stronger claims."

V-7, School of Mathematics, Miscellaneous

1945

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WPAI

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Voted membership 1945-46 for Dr. Saloma Bochner,
Albert W. Tucker, Valentine Bargmann (Princeton).

Voted offer chair to Oppenheimer--von Neumann and Einstein
appointed draw biographical report for presentation to
faculty. (This followed, apparently, the conclusion of
proposal of Institute and Princeton jointly to offer Fermi
appointment. See minutes 6/2/45).

School of Mathematics Faculty Meeting

1945

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SEIGEL, CARL L.

Biographical

BRAUN, HELENE (DR.)

PAULI

✓ OPPENHEIMER, E.

Mathematics faculty heard Aydelette report Seigel was still considering whether to accept the professorship offered him by the Institute and that Pauli felt himself under obligation to return to Zürich for a short stay before accepting a permanent position here. Aydelette felt he might ask the Executive Committee to offer Pauli a temporary professorship pending the departure of the latter for Zürich.

Visa
Aydelette reported that Dr. Helene Braun was still having transportation difficulties and admission ~~has~~ problems to the United States.

It was voted to recommend to the Faculty and Trustees that Oppenheimer be offered a chair in the School of Mathematics. Von Neumann and Einstein appointed to draw up a biographical report on Oppenheimer for presentation to the Faculty.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 9/26/45

1946-1949

STRAUSS, LEWIS L.

Biographical

✓ OPPEHHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Strauss left Navy to return to Kuhn Loeb & Company
January 5, 1946.

Appointed to A. E. C. by Truman October 29, 1946. Confirmed
April 10, 1947.

6/10 ~~Opposed A. E. C. release of isotopes for foreign distribution
September 6, 1947.~~

Oppenheimer returned to University of California April 22, 1946.
Article on proposed International Control Atomic Energy 6/9/46.
Withdraws from Pres. Comm. on Bikini Test June 26, 1946.
Appointed member U. S. delegation U. N. A. E. C. 6/27/46.
Appointed A. E. C. General Advisory Board December 13, 1946.

New York Times, (dates of issue)

1946

NOTES

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DIRECTOR

✓ OPPENHEIMER

Administration

Biographical

BRONK

VEBLEN

STRAUSS, L. L.

Veblen to Strauss, April 12, 1946.

"Von Neumann told me about his conversation with you in which the names of several candidates for the Directorship of the Institute were brought up. Of these names it seemed to us on further consideration that Bronk and Oppenheimer are ~~XXXX~~ the only possible ones. All of the others are too old except Condon, whom we both know very well and do not consider temperamentally or intellectually suitable for the job.

"Oppenheimer seems to me to have so many of the qualifications that I would have very little misgiving about the future of the Institute if he were chosen. Von Neumann is not as favorable to Oppenheimer as I am, although he has great admiration for him as a scientist. The general opinion

among the faculty is that Oppenheimer would be very welcome as a colleague.

"Both von Neumann and I would be very happy to see Bronk chosen. In the first place he has, like Oppenheimer, already achieved a pre-eminent position as a creative scholar. We would rather take our ~~chances~~ chances with such a man than with one who lacked the qualifications even though he had the other desirable qualities. In the second place, Bronk has shown good capacity as an administrator and getting along well with other people. We have particularly flattering testimony as to his success in working ~~with the Army~~ for the Army. In the third place, Bronk is the foreign secretary of the National Academy of Sciences, and will be on this account in close touch with Washington and with international questions of a kind significant to the Institute. We are convinced that in the future the Institute must depend to a very considerable extent upon the national government for support.

"After saying this, I am going to take the chance of weakening it by the suggestion that it might be wise to

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

✓ GENERAL

RESEARCH

PAULI

VON NEUMANN

Academic Personnel

Government Relations

Academic Procedures

Biographical

Pauli and Von Neumann reported that the Institute had joined a number of universities and scholarly institutions in a request to General Groves for a regional laboratory for research in nuclear physics at or in the neighborhood of Princeton. In the discussion which followed, Pauli and von Neumann pointed out that there was a certain ambiguity concerning the role of free research in such a laboratory, but each considered the Institute would be free to withdraw if such happened.

Faculty Minutes, 2/4/46

experiment with the continuation of the type of administration which has been in effect during Aydelotte's absence; namely, to vest the functions of the Director in the hands of a 'standing committee.' This method of administration seems to us to have been very satisfactory. The only drawback has been a certain disinclination by the standing committee to make decisions in the Director's absence which might seem to infringe on his prerogatives. The chairman of such a committee might be called, following European precedence, the Rector rather than the Director. He should not serve for more than two years. It would be an essential part of such a scheme that the President of the Institute should, like Mr. Maass, continue to take an active interest in its administration.

"Quite apart from this particular suggestion, I think it would be desirable for the members of the standing committee to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee of the Board; and also for the president and perhaps other members of the Board to attend meetings of the faculty. There are no differences in interest

between the Trustees and faculty, but there are sometimes difficulties in mutual understanding.

"In this connection I may remark that I think the suggestion reported by von Neumann that the Institute ought to keep one or two rooms available for Trustees visiting in Princeton is an excellent one. May I add that I should be very happy to reserve a room for you at the Nassau Club if you will let me know when I may expect your long-promised visit to Princeton. The accommodations at the club are rather austere, but it is a good center from which to see Princeton.

"Von Neumann asked me to say that he intends to write you before very long. In the meantime, he agrees substantially with what I have said."

Veblen's files

1946

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

SW Faculty approved Oppenheimer's nomination for chair in theoretical physics September 26, 1945.

On October 8, 1946, the faculty considered again appointments in the field of theoretical physics, hopefully shared by the University. The matter was deferred until the next meeting, October 14 when Aydelotte brought it up as the main business. A new appointment in theoretical physics was needed. The gist of the discussion was that the two leading men among the young theoretical physicists were Richard Feynman and Julian Schwinger. Feynman was invited as member some months ago, but had just taken on a position as Assistant or Associate Professor at Cornell and did not come because he must devote himself to his new duties. Schwinger was Associate Professor at Harvard, and has been asked to a full professorship at Columbia. Schwinger was decided to be the stronger candidate.

Aydelotte raised the question of bringing distinguished theoretical physicists from other parts of the world to Princeton for periodic terms of service; for example, one term every two years. He suggested Niels Bohr, Dirac, Pauli, H. A. Kramers, I.I. Rabi, and Schroedinger, the latter two added by the faculty.

Veblen recalled that Flexner had entered into such an arrangement with Dirac some years ago, but that this had lapsed during the war.

Aydelotte reminded the group that Oppenheimer had been approved by both the School of Mathematics and the faculty as a whole, so that it would be perfectly proper for him to bring it up at this week's meeting of the Trustees. Sentiment was that it would be better first of all to settle the question about the appointment of a younger man. Oppenheimer regarded as a first-rate candidate, but some question about political activity.

It was felt that the appointment of a younger man is more important than a rotating arrangement with a visiting group of distinguished men, and Aydelotte said that the two things were

not true

Pl. Oppenheimer v-p. - "brimming" inside talent

not true

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in Dirac's name or ph.

by no means mutually exclusive.

Veblen as Secretary and von Neumann reported informally about a conference which they had had with Harry Smyth about the possibility of a joint offer to one of the young theoretical physicists by the Institute and the University, a term at each place. . . Smyth said the University could hardly go above \$8000 a year for a full appointment. This would mean \$4000 from the University and \$4000 from the Institute. Veblen interposed his own note that it would be perfectly in order to enter into an arrangement with Feynman without delay and negotiate with Schwinger for a full professorship.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 10/14/46

1946

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DIRECTOR

Administration

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

FULTON, JOHN M.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Veblen to Fulton, December, 13, 1946.

Comments on Dunham whose name was raised by Fulton.
"I think he is a good man, but not quite" of the caliber of the three who now seem to me to be the most promising candidates, - namely Bronk, Oppenheimer, and Pauling. I think that any of these one of these three would be a brilliant solution of our problem."

John M. Fulton, Institute for Advanced Study, 1942-47

1947

DIRECTOR

Administration

BLEGEN, THEODORE CHRISTIAN

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

BRONK, DETLEV WULF

MASON, EDWARD SAGENBORFF

PAULING, LINUS CARL

KRNE WOLFERS, ARNOLD OSCAR

Biographical data from Who's Who in America regarding the above-named men.

Filed in Chronological file under 1947.

Earle, E. A. S., 1944-5

1947-1949

GEORGE ORIENTAL LIBRARY

ORIENTAL STUDIES

DUYVENDAE, J. J. L.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

FACILITIES

Academic Activities

Biographical

Letters regarding Geost Library and Proposed Plans with
Reference to the Geost Library.

Filed in Vertical File under "G" for Geost Library.

Geost Oriental Library--Visit file, Miscellaneous M - 2

OFFICERS

Corporation

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FRANKFURTER, F.

MAASS, H. H.

FULTON, J. M.

WEED, LEWIS H.

Fulton to Maass, February 3, 1947.

He is writing on a delicate matter. He understands that Strauss has been approached about becoming Chairman of the Board if and when Maass withdrew. This was before his appointment to the Atomic Energy Commission. He indicated that he would take over when Maass withdrew. There is a fairly strong sentiment in the Board that so long as he is devoting himself to the Atomic Energy Commission, it would be unfair to him and the Institute if he took the responsibility of Chairman. The

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next few years will be very critical for the Institute. We should have a Chairman who can be readily at hand and give the time and energy needed. "Until you took over, things were handled in a very autocratic fashion. Now it has become possible to have discussion and we always feel free to turn to you when we have something on our mind. I would not have dared, for example, to write a letter of this sort to your predecessor."

Another reason why Strauss might deferer the chairmanship is that he is a newcomer. Weed has been with the Board a long time, since its beginning. "He would make a forceful chairman who would have three years to go before his retirement at ~~ix~~ sixty-five." Probably everybody on the Board and Oppenheimer also, would appreciate Weed's chairmanship, everybody except Aydelette.

Weed
was
V-P since
1941

"One thing we did not foresee is that Oppenheimer is a very close personal friend of Felix Frankfurter and as soon as Oppenheimer approached him, Frankfurter let down his hair and brought up all the tribulation which he once had with the Institute. He then went to Lewis, who unfortunately had not

withheld

yet been informed of the action of our committee, but
reacted quickly, told Oppenheimer that the Frankfurter episode
was a thing of the past, that the Institute Trustees were a
forward-looking group, that they would work with him in the
fullest cooperation, and that this would be ~~xxx~~ true whoever
was appointed as Chairman of the Board. I think there would be
some doubt in Oppenheimer's mind as to whether Strauss would
have the time to give to it, but I don't believe that he would
feel concerned on any other ground. They evidently saw a good
deal of one another's work during the war and there is a strong
feeling of mutual admiration.

Witman "Weed is unaware that I am raising the question of Strauss'
chairmanship and I have discussed the matter with no one save
Lewis, who told me several days ago about his conversation with
Oppenheimer and about the Frankfurter episode."

John M. Dalton, I. A. S., 1942-47

1947

February 8

OFFICERS

Corperation

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FRANKFURTER, F.

MAASS, H. H.

FULTON

Maass to Fulton, writing from the Villa Hermosa, Palm Springs, California. He is away on vacation. He has not kept touch with Institute matters or with what has been done respecting Oppenheimer, and "therefore, the comment you make with respect to his having discussed his prospective appointment with Judge Frankfurter comes as a complete surprise to me. If he did so, I can readily understand, in the light of past history, why Judge Frankfurter 'let his hair down' and probably discouraged O. from accepting the appointment. I am delighted to learn that Dr. Lewis was thereafter consulted by O. and helped to clear his mind as to the status of affairs at the Institute.

"Now with respect to the subject matter of your letter, I shall, of course, accept it in complete confidence. It is only by a complete exchange of views that all of us who are so interested in the future of the Institute can bring about what is best for it. Of course, I have no knowledge of what the nominating committee may contemplate in respect of the appointments to the various offices and were they to suggest Strauss for an important office, I doubt whether he would consider accepting it at this time in view of his present preoccupation with the affairs of the Atomic Energy Commission. Certainly, unless he were able to give all the time required of the job, his appointment would be most inexpedient. Personally, I have felt for a long time that as I occupied both the office of Chairman of the Board and President of the Institute it would be beneficial were the Committee to nominate a new president and permit me to remain as Chairman of the Board, for I think such a change would fortify the management and operation of Institute affairs. No one has a greater admiration for Weed than I have and I think his nomination to either office would tend greatly to benefit the Institute.

"I did hear some remote suggestion that Dr. Aydelotte had intimated a desire to be named Chairman of the Board, but such an appointment, I think, would be most inappropriate and tend to complicate the administration of affairs. At this great distance, and particularly since I am out of touch with the whole situation, it is impossible for me to take a firm attitude in respect of the matters to which your letter refers, but I have herein outlined my general views which I hope largely accord with your own."

He then asks for information as to what is happening on the Oppenheimer appointment.

John M. Fulton, Institute for Advanced Study, 1942-47

1947

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OFFICERS

Corporation

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FRANKFURTER, F.

MAASS, H. H.

FULTON, J. M.

Fulton to Maass, February 13, 1947.

Thanks him for his letter. Oppenheimer made an inquiry which Lewis (Wilmarth Lewis) handled very adequately, but Lewis is apparently out of the country on his way to Melbourne and will not be back until early in April.

"I don't know what the Nomination Committee may recommend but Oppenheimer apparently gained the impression that Strauss was to be the next Chairman of the Board. I don't know whether this is likely to influence his decision, but I think he should

know that this is still under consideration and I am glad to know you feel that Weese might be an appropriate person to assume this responsibility while Strauss is serving on the Atomic Energy Commission.

"It would be very awkward if Aydelotte were made chairman of the Board. He does not have a flair for administration and I feel sure that he would multiply the difficulties which develop from time to time between the chairman of the Board and the Director of the Institute."

Meanwhile, there is nothing we can do until the)
Oppenheimer's decision is made.

John M. Fulton, I. A. S., 1942-47

1947

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OFFICERS

Corporation

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FRANKFURTER, F.

MAASS, H. H.

FULTON, J. M.

WEED, LEWIS H.

Weed to Fulton February 15, 1947.

Acknowledges his letter of February 13, enclosing Maass' letter of February 8. He thinks it is wise to have the chairmanship and the presidency held by two different individuals. "The important thing is the Chairmanship of the Board, and I feel most strongly that under no circumstances should Aydelotte be elected to this post. I thought that Strauss would be ideal for the job, living as he did in New York City. The comments made by Lefty Lewis and

Dean Acheson, regarding Strauss' ability, have shaken me and if perchance he is confirmed as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission I should feel that he was excluded from any office in the Institute.

"As I have told you several times, I have no desire to assume additional burdens. It would be most convenient if the active officer of the Board of Trustees lived in New York, where he would be available for visits to Princeton. This, of course, is not essential but desirable.

"As for Oppenheimer, I doubt very much if he will accept, and I hope that he does not delay his decision unduly. After all, he has had almost a month now and a forceful individual should be able to make up his mind in that time."

How little he knew -

John M. Fulton, I. A. S., 1942-47

1947

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LEWIS, WILMARTH

Biographical

✓ OPPEHNEIMER, ROBERT

Wilmarth Lewis saw Oppenheimer in California on the way
to Melbourne.

Fulton's diary

1947

3/15

FULTON, JOHN F.

Biographical

✓ OFFENHEIMER, ROBERT

Fulton's note on the lunch at the Oppenheimer's. He said that after Los Alamos they decided to settle to theoretical physics in Berkeley and Cal Tech. quietly, but Oppenheimer had been back and forth to Washington consulting with the A. E. C., helping Truman with his speech on Greece, on the Lilienthal controversy, and so forth. These duties keep him on the jump, and apparently are the reason why he wants to consider the Institute.

Fulton's Diary

1947

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FULTON, JOHN F.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Excerpt from the Diary of John F. Fulton, M. D.,
Saturday, March 15, 1947.

Filed in Chronological file under 1947, 3/15.

Fulton, John F., Diary, Sterling School of Math

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DIRECTOR

Administration
Corporation

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

WEED, LEWIS H.

FULTON, JOHN

W + F ?

The cancellation of the Trustees' meeting for Saturday, March 29, has made me wonder if Oppenheimer is going to take the job. The delay is probably connected with the delay in the Senate confirmation of the President's nominations for the A. E. C. The Board should act promptly. It is the end of March.

Fulton to Weed, March 27, 1947.

He conferred with Oppenheimer who wishes the Board would make up its mind. He will come to the Institute only if both the faculty and the Board want him, but Strauss has made it clear to him that Strauss' approach to Oppenheimer was unofficial.

Fulton - Lewis Weed

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

LEHMAN, MILTON

Notes on an article by Milton Lehman, "The Man Who Made the Bomb," Esquire, April, 1947, p. 86 ff.

Filed in Chronological File under 1947, April.

Copy of Esquire gotten from Princeton University Library.

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DIRECTOR

Administration
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✓ OPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

STRAUSS

Excerpt from the Diary of John F. Fulton, M. D.,
Tuesday, April 1, 1947.

Filed in Chronological file under 1947, 4/1.

✓ Fulton, John F., Diary, Sterling School of Math

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COMMITTEES (COMMITTEE ON SELECTION) Academic Personnel

✓ OPPENHEIMER, J. ROBERT Biographical

Admiral Strauss reported for the Committee on Selection of Dr. Aydelotte's successor.

"Before calling a meeting of the Trustees' Committee, Admiral Strauss communicated with Professor Edward Mead Eads, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on the Directorship, and received from him a list of suggestions of possible candidates. This list was then supplemented by additional names suggested by members of the Board and from outside sources. At a meeting on January 24, 1947, the Committee on the Directorship approved a slate of five names all of whom were known to be acceptable to the Faculty of the Institute. By unanimous vote, the dominating committee authorized Admiral Strauss to approach first, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer of the University of California."

Oppenheimer expressed his willingness, and asked that he be permitted to teach in addition to his administrative duties. Discussion ensued with a biographical sketch of Dr. Oppenheimer in the hands of the Trustees. Strauss

stated that Oppenheimer had been named to the Joint Research and Development Board of the Army and Navy and had also been elected chairman of the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission. It was understood that Dr. Oppenheimer will continue these duties should he be elected Director of the Institute. Although he is primarily a theoretical physicist, he has had sound training as a classicist and is known to be deeply interested in humanistic studies.

The Trustees felt that the option to teach would give Oppenheimer the contact with younger people which he wanted.

Admiral Strauss told the Board that he had given the names of the five candidates to President Dodds of Princeton University in confidence, and that Dodds had expressed the opinion that any one of these individuals would be an ornament to the Princeton community.

It was moved by Strauss, seconded by Leidesdorf and unanimously carried that Oppenheimer should succeed Aydelotte

and he should receive the same emoluments. It was expected that Oppenheimer would come into residence before the retirement of Aydelotte, and during that period his status will be that of Director-elect.

It was decided that a formal tender should be made and a formal acceptance be received, and Oppenheimer should be consulted about the form and timing of the announcement which Strauss and the Chairman of the Board will prepare. It was hoped that the announcement could be made public on Tuesday morning, April 15, 1947, immediately following private announcement to the Faculty of the Institute at their meeting on April 14th. The Board authorized Strauss to report the decision to Professor Earle in confidence.

Trustees' Minutes, April 1, 1947, Special Meeting, pages 2-4

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EARLE (AT SARANAC LAKE)

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Earle to Oppenheimer congratulating him on appointment
as Director.

Letter filed in Source.

Earle, I. A. S., 1947-8

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

EARLE, E. M.

AYDELOTTE, F.

During Earle's absence, Aydelotte asks him if he can put Oppenheimer in his office and ask Mrs. Hartz to serve as his secretary. He hopes there will be no hitch about making the announcement of Oppenheimer's appointment in the papers April 15; otherwise, there is liable to be a leak.

Earle to Aydelotte, April 12, 1947.

Offers use of his office to Oppenheimer. Asks for an increase for Mrs. Hartz.

D, Earle, Edward M., 1945

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HOUSING

Facilities

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

MAASS, HERBERT H.

MILLER, BERNETTA

DAUNCEY

SCHAAP

✓ ~~AYDELOTTE~~ OPPE N H E I M E R

For memo on above headings see Chronological File under 1947, 4/11 (to 4/28) or any one of the first 6 headings listed above.

D, Maass, 1947-

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April 14-20

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

Oppenheimer accepted and requested two weeks' delay to handle the pressures at U. C. to stay. Oppenheimer described as a scientist, a classical scholar, well versed in the humanity.

Fulton's Diary

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DIRECTOR

Administration

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

MAASS, HERBERT H.

Press announcement made by Herbert Maass, President of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, that Oppenheimer was chosen at a meeting of the Board last week to replace Frank Aydelotte, Director since 1939. "Mr. Maass said the announcement was not made until Dr. Oppenheimer could end his commitments with the University of California and formally accept the Directorship...Dr. Aydelotte reached the retirement age of 65 in 1945, but was asked to remain in office until his 67th birthday October 16, 1947."

Oppenheimer, 42, became an Assistant Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of California when he was 25. He made his reputation as a physicist four years later with his mathematical theory which outlined the method by which energy was transmuted into matter when non-material gamma rays from thorium C were fired at terrific speed at the heart of an atom.

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In 1934 he was co-author of the Oppenheimer-Furry revision of Dirac's theory of the electron, and in 1942, was put in charge of planning, organizing and directing the Los Alamos Laboratories where work done by scientists elsewhere was coordinated to produce the first atom bomb.

Clipping, Herald Tribune, April 17, 1947

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

DIRECTOR

Administration

"Dr. Oppenheimer's work

"His name is Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, but his friends call him 'Oppy'. He is one of America's best in theoretical physics, but he is a lively human. People take to him. He has a prodigious talent for work, and yet has a genius for grasping the right solutions. A scientist among scientists, he is also what is commonly called a practical man. And he has a streak of wit.

"This remarkable man, who reaches his 43rd birthday next Tuesday, was Director of the Los Alamos Laboratories where the atom bomb was put together and first exploded. He made the main decisions in the New Mexico desert, and of him the War Department said: 'He is to be credited with achieving the implementation of atomic energy for military purposes.' Ever since that time he has been in the forefront of struggle in the dilemma of the atom.

"One reads with quick thrill that Dr. Oppenheimer has

been appointed Director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey. This is important news, an appointment that is strikingly fit. We congratulate all parties in the certainty that Dr. Oppenheimer's work has now only begun."

New York Herald Tribune editorial, April 19, 1947

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HOUSING

Facilities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Letter from Aydelotte to Maass, April 24, 1947, in regard to
Institute Housing problems.

Filed in Chronological File under 1947, 4/24.

D File, H. H. Maass (1947-

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POLICING

Administration

AYDELOTTE, P.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, J.

LEIDESDORF, S. D.

Aydelette to Leidesdorf, May 6, 1947.

He and Oppenheimer have had a three-day conference on administrative problems, and have agreed on a number of things, one of them that Miss Miller should continue for the time being, managing the project.

D. Leidesdorf, S. D., 1946-

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GENERAL

Public Relations

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

SCHAFFNER, JOSEPH HALL

✓ OFFENHEIMER, S.

Schaffner to Aydelotte, May 8, 1947.

Again thanks him for hospitality. "This time you added a new ingredient to the stew. I don't know yet whether it will turn out to be baking powder, cold water or a dash of seasoning. It was an especial treat for me because I had never seen or met Oppenheimer before, and the quality of his mind and personality delighted me. I should think him almost the most persuasive person in presenting his own ideas I have come across. I told Weiskopf that afternoon that I should like his assurance that if I ever got arrested for murder he would be able to get Robert Oppenheimer to defend me. I can think of few juries that could resist him."

D File, Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, Inc.

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DIRECTOR

Administration

AYDELOTTE, P.

Biographical

VEBLEN, O.

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Aydelotte to Veblen. Marie wants to move out of Elden Manor by the middle of July, though he actually said to the Oppenheimers that we could not promise to get out until September. Nevertheless, we are going to move as soon as the house is properly painted.

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, FRANK

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

MAASS, H. H.

Aydelotte to Maass, July 15, 1947.

Tells him that/^a~~the~~ New York Daily News reporter has sought information about Frank Oppenheimer and maintaining silence.

D, Maass, 1947-

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DIRECTOR

Administration

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimers to come to Princeton to take up residence
August 8. Aydelottes had moved and gone to Waterford. (Richardson,
Jane, to Maass, July 25, 1947)

D, Maass, 1947-

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

MERRITT, B.

Biographical

VEBLEN, C.

AYDELOTTE, F.

✓OPPENHEIMER, R.

Merritt claims Hersfeld's vacant office, traditionally hoministic space for Homer Thompson. Veblen insists that it should be assigned to Siegel and should become a part of the quarters dedicated to Mathematics. Aydelette recommends to Oppenheimer that a permanent decision should be postponed until the number of members of the Institute have decreased or until some additional small buildings for members have been erected. He suggests putting both Thompson and Siegel into these Hersfeld rooms.

A. File, J. Robert Oppenheimer

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

academic Organization

CHEVRISE, H.

Biographical

VEBIEN, O.

AYERLOTTE, F.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, H.

MEVITT

Minutes, September 22, 1947.

Dr. Mevitt presented the nomination of Harold Fredrik Chevrisse for appointment to the Faculty. Oppenheimer strongly seconded it as supportive of unity between the various departments of the Institute. Mevitt's letter with Chevrisse's life and works is appended to these minutes.

Vebien caused the matter to be put over to the next meeting on the ground that the Faculty had better familiarize itself

with the amount of money which the Institute had, and it was decided to hold a meeting October 8, and that the standing committee should make a report on finance.

At the meeting of October 8, Oppenheimer presided, and moved (seconded by Professor Veyl) and the Faculty voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Cherniss be appointed professor in the School of Humanistic Studies.

In these meetings minutes which are a rough draft (there is no other copy, however, in the Director's file) the motion followed a long discussion, and it concerned the best use of the available funds.

Also in these minutes scratched out is a statement attributed to Oppenheimer that with the endorsement of Ardelotte, the chief function of the Institute was that of a school. For the sake of the record, Alexander pointed out that this was a complete reversal of the position taken by Dr. Fleener and of Alexander's appointment to the Faculty. Furthermore, it was a distinguishing feature of the Institute that it would engage in

research to which all scholastic considerations were to be strictly subordinated. Einstein joined Alexander in the attack.

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VISITING PROFESSORS

Academic Personnel

MEMBERS

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES

STIPENDS

✓ OPPENHEIMER, J. R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer policy for salaries of visiting professors-- those who could appropriately be considered for ~~asm~~ permanent appointments should have salaries as for faculty.

School of Mathematics Minutes, 9/23/47, (See note)

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer reported that he had asked Niels Bohr for the second semester 1947-48 at \$8,000 after conference with Maass and Leidesdorf. He had offered memberships in the Institute without stipend to Drs. Egil A. Mylleraas and Nicolas G. van Kampen, physicists. He recommended membership for Hideki Yukawa and Pauli for 1948-49. Approved.

It was understood that the salaries for the above-named physicists are to be outside of the Stipend Fund, and to be determined by the Director and the Trustees. Oppenheimer recommended a policy on salaries of visiting professors: those who could appropriately be considered for permanent appointments to the Institute as professors should have their salaries decided to be essentially the same as those salaries of the faculty.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 9/23/47

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GENERAL

Personnel

BUDGET

Finance

LEARY, ELEANOR

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer informed faculty Mrs. Leary was organizing secretarial staff with view to creating a secretarial pool. Corrected to show view to providing increased secretarial service to staff.

D, Faculty Minutes, Draft

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POLICIES

Administration

GENERAL

Academic Procedures

MEMBERS

Academic Personnel

PROFESSORS

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer and Aydelotte said main function of I. A. S. is "as a school." Alexander said this a complete reversal of Flexner's position when he asked Alexander to join faculty. Then distinguishing feature of Institute was its research function to which all the considerations were to be subordinated. Einstein agreed--Deleted from minutes.

D, Faculty Minutes, Drafts

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DIRECTOR

Administration

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

SIEGEL

List of problems Oppenheimer inherits.

Filed in Vertical File under "D" for Director.

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GENERAL (STENO POOL)

Personnel

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Administration

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Draft Minutes Faculty Meeting. IAS a school?

Filed in Chronological file under 1947, 10/8.

A, 10/30/56, IAS

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

It here becomes apparent that standing committee's minutes which have not been reflected in full are read by the Secretary and corrected at the Faculty meeting, and not carried in the book of official minutes. Get them. (Note difference between draft minutes in manila folder in Director's office and the final minutes omitting reflection of discussion.)

Alexander appeared hostile to the new Director.

Faculty Minutes 10/8/47

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APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities

ELECTRONIC COMPUTER PROJECT

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, P.

Oppenheimer corrects Aydelette's report on the E. C. P. as an instance of applied mathematics by saying that the project was primarily "a developmental job in pure science and not a facility."

Trustees' Minutes, October 9, 1947

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

The Trustees and the Faculty gave a redeption to
Robert Oppenheimer and Mrs. Oppenheimer in the common room.

Printed Invitation

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POLIXCIS

Administration

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Letter from
/ Aydelotte to Robert Oppenheimer, October 9, 1947, with
the loose ends of his administration.

Filed in Chronological File under 1947, 10/9

D File, Robert Oppenheimer

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CHERNISS, HAROLD

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Oppenheimer to Cherniss, October 10, 1947 regarding
Cherniss' appointment to the Institute as professor.

Filed in Chronological file under 1947, 10/10.

D File, Cherniss, Harold

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GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY

Facilities

FULTON, JOHN

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Fulton to Oppenheimer, October 24, 1947, enclosing a copy of a letter when he has written acknowledging one from Miss Swann on the library. Fulton compliments Oppenheimer on his brief statement at the meeting. "The circumstances were somewhat awkward and I can only say that, as one of the Trustees, I am completely in sympathy with your attitude toward the Institute and your plans for its future. Incidentally, I think you scored a ten-strike by making your first appointment in the field of the humanities.

He then asks Oppenheimer's views on disposition of the Gest Library, and says Harvard and Yale are both angling and he feels rather on the spot.

Oppenheimer to Fulton, October 27, 1947. He gives his tentative view to Fulton that since there seem to be at the

Institute little or no human resource qualifying for an effective study of Chinese, or much which would enable the Institute to take advantage of such studies if they were conducted here. He should be inclined to make the library available to an institution at which scholarly work in this field is already in progress. "We are already scattered ~~xxx~~ far more than makes for healthy intellectual life." ~~xxx~~ His tentative conclusion runs to Harvard rather than to Yale, though he admits that Fulton's interest in Yale is natural. His views are not official.

The answer to this letter is in Oppenheimer's personal file.

D File, Fulton, John

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DIRECTOR

Administration

KYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

FULTON, JOHN

Fulton to Oppenheimer, October 29, 1947.

The Trustees have handled the situation of Aydelette as Director Emeritus, unfortunately from Oppenheimer's viewpoint. "I earnestly hope that you are not being embarrassed by his apparently unwillingness to withdraw from the administrative picture. You have extraordinary tact..." He offers help in the event the situation becomes more difficult.

D, Fulton, John

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DIRECTOR

Administration

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

MAASS, HERBERT H.

Oppenheimer to Maass, October 30, 1947, a letter confirming the terms of his appointment as Director and as Professor of Theoretical Physics in the School of Mathematics. "And that this appointment is expected to hold until my 65th birthday in 1969." (The appointment apparently is mentioned as a single one for both positions.)

(2) "As Director I shall be expected with the advice and consent of the Trustees, to determine and execute academic policy for the Institute as a place of learning and study."

(3) My salary has been fixed at \$20,000 a year.

(4) T. I. A. A. contributions of 5 per cent each, additional payments by the Trustees to assure Oppenheimer a pension of \$12,000, or

to provide his wife should he predecease her, either in active service or after retirement, ^{with} the pension of \$6,000 per year.

(5) The Trustees to allow the use of Olden Manor during the period of his active directorship, and an expense account that shall exceed under no circumstances \$5,200 in any one year. He confirms and requires ~~xx~~ Maass to initial and return the copies so that it may be in the files in the event the parties on the Trustees' side making the appointment might not be there at a time when he should wish to rely upon their words.

D File, Herbert H. Maass, 1947-

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

POLICIES

Administration

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

STEWART, W.

RISFLER, W.

Conversation with Oppenheimer concerning Risfler

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GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY

Facilities

DODS, HAROLD

Biographical

LEWIS, WILMARTH

FULTON, JOHN

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Oppenheimer to Fulton, December 2, 1947.

"Dods came to see me a few days ago. He had heard rumors from New Haven that Yale hoped to acquire the Gest Library. He did not like these rumors. He said that it was the intention of Princeton University to keep the Library. Although it was true that for the last ten years they had found themselves unable to make use of it, they would like another ten years to try."

Oppenheimer says he found the facts on the commitment to Princeton in the huge file concerning the Gest Library. "The subvention \$250,000 of the Rockefeller Foundation...was made conditional, and apparently the conditions were accepted by us: that the Library would remain 'at Princeton University'. Thus we are full owners of the Gest Library, but our ownership is conditional on leaving it at Princeton University."

He adds these circumstances leave him speechless.

Wilmarth Lewis to Fulton, December 5, 1947.

He suggests disposition of the Library should wait on Oppenheimer's finding the facts. And thereafter if it proves that the Institute is free to give the library to the institution which will make the best use of it. In the most latest poll of the Association of American Universities Yale's Department of Asiatic Studies was placed first in the country. Yale's claims have been urged upon him, Lewis, who has urged that the claims be presented to Fulton. If, however, Princeton's claim is not paramount

Lewis suggests that he and Fulton should withdraw from the Committee since our Princeton & friends will look at us with black suspicion.

December 6, 1947, Fulton to Oppenheimer.

Expresses agreement with Lewis' letter, copy of which he sends Oppenheimer. He thinks it would be well for the heretofore relations with the Rockefeller Foundation on this subject to be formalized either by the Director, or if the Director finds it embarrassing, by Fulton, himself, as Chairman of the Committee on the Library.

D. Fulton, John

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

✓ OPPEHEIMER, R.

Aydelotte to Leary. His policy on Faculty Standing Committee: rotate the members, one from each School until each has served a term. Except when he was away, he never had any regular date of meeting of the Committee, but has called them only when he wished to ask their advice. "I have always considered the Committee as a channel of communication to the faculty on points which would not seem to justify the calling of a special faculty meeting. "

D, Aydelotte, Frank, 1946-

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DE TOLNAY

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

PANOPSKY, ERWIN

Flexner to Oppenheimer.

De Tolnay has been told to go June, 1948. Flexner is under obligations to continue bearing the burden of carrying out the founders' intentions. He says Panofsky is jealous. He requests Oppenheimer to do something about de Tolnay and invites ~~xxxxxxx~~ Oppenheimer to see him.

FA Confidential Files, March 7, 1957

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

DE TOLNAY

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Flexner to Oppenheimer, December 10, 1947.

He writes a curious letter to Oppenheimer provoked by the termination of De Tolnay. He rehearses his relationship with Oppenheimer: "On April 15 I wrote you the following note:

'Doctor Aydelotte has written me a confidential letter, informing me that you have been chosen to be his successor.

'I can hardly find words to express my gratification. The Institute offers a superb opportunity for American scholarship and science. In my opinion, you are ideally qualified to accept the Directorship. Not since Gilman was made President of Johns Hopkins has a more fortunate choice been made!

'I am extremely eager to meet you when you come East. Please let me know, so that I can see you and make your

acquaintance either in New York or Princeton.'

"A week later you replied to me as follows:

'It gave me the greatest pleasure to have your little note of April 15, I know to what extent the Institute at Princeton was conceived and nurtured by you, and it is a great source of comfort to me that you should think my hands appropriate for carrying on the work. I shall often wish to have your counsel.

'I know that I come to this position rather woefully ill-qualified for it, but your note gives me confidence that you will be glad to advise me on the many occasions when I shall have need for that.'

Flexner remarks bitterly that it is nearly Christmas and he has not heard from Oppenheimer. Meanwhile, he has heard from two or three members of the Faculty who have spoken to him frankly and in unpleasant terms about what is happening there. Then De Tolnay comes in and says that he has been notified by Oppenheimer and Aydelotte that on June 1, 1948 his connection with the Institute would cease.

In paying his debt to the memory of Mr. Bamber^{ga} and Mrs. Fuld and to the Institute for Advanced Study, he considers that his duty to protect the Institute from such errors is not finished, and "I propose to use every honorable means of doing this." He calls De Tolnay's work on Michael Angelo as creditable a performance as anything that has been done ~~by~~ at the Institute. His termination is an outrage. Three volumes have been or are being printed (some reprinted); three volumes remain for which de Tolnay has the material.

"For years Professor Panofsky has been insanely jealous of a younger man, whose career he should have encouraged in every possible way. This is not the only time when Panofsky's smallness as a man has been made evident." He then cites an example of Panofsky's smallness when he told Flexner that he would never again enter the Morgan Library because of his anger with ~~Miss~~ Miss Belle Greene, the librarian. Flexner threatened him that if he did not immediately return to the library and call on Miss Belle Greene he shall bring before the Trustees the proposal for Panofsky's dismissal. Panofsky went.

He says that in 1945 Panofsky came to see him in his office in New York. In the course of their conversation, Flexner mentioned de Tolnay's work; whereupon, Panofsky swore that he had not spoken to de Tolnay for several years, and will never speak to him as long as he lives. Then Flexner said, "Professor Panofsky, if I were Director, I would serve you with an ultimatum. You would speak to de Tolnay and cooperate with him or I would urge the Trustees to drop you from the Faculty."

He rushed out of my office like a mad man, and I have not seen him or heard from him since.

As to de Tolnay's work, Flexner asserts a university or a research institute "cannot drop a man doing work of this kind without suffering the consequences. Unless the Trustees reverse their action and continue the support of de Tolnay, which is far too niggardly, I shall bring the matter to the attention of the whole American public, for the Institute has violated freedom of learning, and it cannot do that with impunity. My voice still carries weight, and the American academic public knows me too well to believe that I would criticise adversely you or the Trustees or the Institute unless you had done something which you

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and they should never have done. I shall give you the benefit of every doubt, for I cannot believe that you are familiar with what has happened and what is involved. I shall not act hastily, for such is not my nature, but I shall expect a reply within a reasonable time.

"If you desire to discuss the situation with me rather than to write about it, I shall be very happy to see you. I would be willing to come to Princeton, but I have had an attack of laryngitis, which makes traveling inadvisable at this moment.

"With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,"

Flexner to Oppenheimer, December 16, 1947.

Aydelotte has written to Flexner, and Aydelotte has advised him that Oppenheimer intends to review the matter with the Faculty. Flexner ventures that Oppenheimer is making a second mistake. He wonders if Oppenheimer has ever heard of a Faculty

that has been actually intelligent, courageous, or wise. "My experience with faculties leads me to distrust their wisdom, generosity or farsightedness." He refers Oppenheimer to his autobiography. He advised Oppenheimer to make up his own mind irrespective of the attitude of the Faculty, and do what is necessary to be done. He delivers a homily on Gilman, Eliot, Welch, Mawl, Halsted and Hale.

"More than ever I am anxious to meet you and I am not ashamed to say it. I will listen to anybody, but I will not abide by a vote. If I haven't the intelligence, surely the intelligence doesn't reside in a majority vote of persons who--whatever their individual merits in their own subject--know very little of the history of thought and progress.

"Forgive my concern. I am concerned for you--very deeply....and concerned for the Institute--very deeply concerned...and I know that if Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld were alive, they would approve the steps which I have taken.

"I hope you will see your way to get through all manner of red tape and, regardless of the approval or disapproval of the

faculty, do what your own sense of justice tells you to do in dealing with a young scholar whose whole work and whole career will be ruined if his work at the Institute is terminated next June.

"With every good wish,

"Sincerely your friend,

"Abraham Flexner."

Oppenheimer to Flexner, March 22, 1948.

"When we had our long talk many weeks ago I promised to write to you when the de Tolnay decision was made. It is time that I do that."

He says that not only Panofsky, but the other members of the Faculty were totally unwilling to reopen the case, and urged him to accept their earlier recommendation as binding.

Quite apart from any future situation involving a similar occurrence, Oppenheimer says he recognizes that in this situation he has no option which would not be meaningless and gravely offend his colleagues. And this more particularly since nothing was available to him in the way of professional insight or special information which would establish his competence to judge de Tolnay's work ~~xxxx~~ as compared with theirs. He regretfully so informed de Tolnay, who, he understands, will enlist Guggenheim Fellowship to enable him to finish his work.

"In most other ways the Institute is prospering and I have a not unhopeful feeling for its future. When some of the hopes are translated into history I shall want very much to talk to you.

"With all cordial and warm good wishes,

"Robert Oppenheimer"

D File, Flexner, Abraham

1947

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

William Bradley employed December 15, 1947, as superintendent.

Emil Strauss, maintenance man from Leidesdorf's building in New York, had been down helping Oppenheimer for three weeks prior to that time.

D, Leidesdorf, S. D., 1946-

✓OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biography

POLICIES

Administration

H.S. (ECONOMICS)

Academic Organization

1st Report of R. Oppenheimer:

He found School of Mathematics flourishing. Hopes generous help given to physics will cause it also to flourish. But in other schools "there are troubles". Work not appreciated, lack of direction and reasons why seem apparent. Thinks not all members of School of Economics are capable of "advanced Study". In School of Humanistic Studies there are areas of great fruitfulness beyond the Hellenistic to which IAS already is committed. Suggests adding (1) fields in sciences for pioneering work, (2) work by men who have gained great insight through work in the creative arts. No specific suggestions, except \$120,000 be appropriated in General Fund for 5 years for appointment of members who are not representative of existing schools. Advisory Committee to use Fund. Experimental work thus to be started. Board granted.

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

POLICIES

Administration

The Director, in his Report, expressed concern about certain areas of effort at the Institute.

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POLICIES

Administration

GENERAL

Public Relations

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

See Nashville Tennessean of date for article. Indicates I. A. S. with Oppenheimer's leadership is trending toward applied science. Also stresses "joint endeavor." Unique concentration of scholarship. Seminar in physics.

Meritt, I. A. S., Verticals

1948

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LIBRARY

Facilities

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WPAI

LEIDESDORF

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER

Leidesdorf to Oppenheimer, January 21, 1948.

Confirms telephone conversation and sends check to the order of Princeton University in the amount of \$500,000, together with a letter of transmittal and a copy of the resolution of ~~the Board~~ ^{our Board}.

He asks Oppenheimer to deliver the check, letter and resolution to Dodds or Brakeley and let him know the results of the visit.

The letter of transmittal of the check is dated ~~sent~~ January 20, 1948, addressed by Leidesdorf as Treasurer to George A. Brakeley as Vice-President and Treasurer of Princeton University, and transmits the check of \$500,000,

together with a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Institute on December 5, 1948, which outlines the conditions upon which \$500,000 is paid toward the cost of the library; namely, permanent use by members and faculty of the Institute in the same manner as the faculty of the University have access to and use of the library facilities. In this connection there is a commitment that the Institute will remain small, and the promise that if, for any reason, its character should change and it should become larger, the agreement would be re-examined.

Dodds to Oppenheimer, January 28, 1948.

He has just returned from an absence, and learned from Brakeley of the transmission of the check. He expresses very sincere appreciation to Oppenheimer and the Trustees "for this most substantial assistance toward our new building. The action of your trustees more than two years ago, when your pledge was made, was a tremendous stimulus to our campaign for funds. It also has stirred very friendly feelings toward the Institute on the part of our faculty and trustees as being a gracious act on your part, and as further establishing the

philosophy of mutual aid and cooperation between the two
institutions.

"We are very grateful."

D File, Cent Library - Transfer

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

DEGREES

Academic Procedures

✓ OPPENHEIMER, J. R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer raised a question with the faculty of granting doctoral degrees. Veblen expressed himself as flatly opposed on the ground that there would be so few that each would have an excessive value. I asked Oppenheimer what made him suggest it. He said that when he came to Princeton he was helping three or four University of California men with their doctoral theses. They were at the Institute. He would have liked to give them a degree from the Institute, and this was the sole reason for which he raised the question. He came to see later, he said, that it would not be a good thing because of the limitation of the fields, etc., and because, mainly because, the Institute was not set up to handle graduate work. At first he misunderstood the question and said, "Oh, you mean that time I all that hassle about my saying the Institute was an educational institution, and I said, no, I didn't mean that. This was a specific reference to degrees. He didn't remember it, but

he said that the attitude of the faculty was perfectly right.

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He said that/ik was also a question raised with him about by some of the trustees on the advisability of the Institute granting honorary degrees, and that he expressed himself as flatly opposed to that in the very beginning. There is no record of any such discussion in the records so far as I have been able to ascertain.

Interview with Oppenheimer, July 1, 1957

1948

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

EINSTEIN, A.

VON NEUMANN

Oppenheimer suggested that a Committee on Physics of the School of Mathematics be appointed, and the mathematics faculty approved. Einstein and von Neumann were appointed to act with Oppenheimer, and the Committee would act with the same authority as the School of Mathematics.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 2/4/48

1948

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BUDGET

Finance

TRUSTERS

Corporation

FULTON, JOHN

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Fulton to Oppenheimer, February 10, 1948.

The Executive Committee has met and Fulton is sorry that Oppenheimer's request for budgetary allocations for professorial assistants was not met with more immediate approval. Fulton favors it because assistantships are understood as an obligation in each professorial appointment, and he thinks that a budgetary allocation is not only mandatory but in the long run would make for economy.

"When the point of the cumulative budgetary principle came up I did not at first realize what the issue was involved. I have chafed for seventeen years under the practice of having

all unexpended funds both for salaries and general expense accounts revert on 30 June. It offers no incentive to economy and in most departments there is a wild spending spree during the month of June so as to be quite certain that nothing reverts. As a matter of principle, I should like to put myself on record as strongly favoring the cumulative concept.

2 "I mention another thing privately and somewhat hesitantly, namely, that I think you have developed a certain uneasiness about one of our Board members who is as eager as I am to give you budgetary latitude and the utmost possible freedom from Trustee domination. He would favor, and I should too, an annual unrestricted allocation to the Director for anything that might arise in the course of the academic year; it could be called a contingent fund or given any other designation that seemed appropriate. The proposal that you have power to shift funds from one school to another would be embarrassing and I admire you for your unwillingness to accept such an authorization. But an unrestricted ~~max~~ contingent fund is something else which would, I think, be

acceptable because we all have complete confidence in your judgment and we want you to have a completely free hand in determining the future policies of the Institute.

"This is a purely personal expression of opinion but I cannot think of any Board member who would be seriously opposed to what I have said except possibly on the subject of the cumulative budget."

Oppenheimer to Fulton, February 16, 1948.

Thanks him for his understanding and support.

"It is a wonderful thing to have your understanding and help and support in trying to get this enterprise disentangled."

D, Fulton, John F.

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

POLICIES (OUTSIDE WORK FOR
REMUNERATION)

Administration

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

EARLE, E. M.

Earle to Oppenheimer, February 24, 1948, referring to a memorandum of February 11 of Oppenheimer's setting forth certain categories within which members of the Institute faculty may accept compensation for services outside the Institute. Oppenheimer has said categories not broad enough, and it would be difficult to draw up a statement which would provide for all conceivable or reasonable contingencies. Oppenheimer's last paragraph reads: "Before acceptance of remuneration in any of the four categories above, the consent of the Director must be obtained by the individual on full-time appointment." Earle suggests wiser to say when situations arise not specifically provided for, consent of the Director must be obtained--it would give more latitude and relieve the Director of a considerable amount of detail.

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Earle/suggested at the meeting of February 23 of the Faculty the following resolution: "The Faculty hereby reaffirms the long-established policy of the Institute that full-time appointment as a professor or as a member carries with it the obligation to engage in no outside activities in which the primary consideration, or even a major consideration, is pecuniary."

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

STEWART, W. W.

Memorandum concerning a meeting of the School of Economics and Politics with the Director of the Institute, Monday morning, February 23, 1948.

Filed in Chronological file under 1948, 2/23.

Earle, I. A. S., 1946

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FACULTY
POLICIES
HARRIS, S. H.
OPPENHEIMER, S.

Academic Personnel
Administration
Biographical

*Memorandum to Dr. Oppenheimer:

"This brief memorandum is supplementary to a discussion at a meeting of the School of Economics and Politics on February 23. Your memorandum of February 11 sets forth certain categories within which members of the Institute faculty may accept compensation for services outside the Institute. As you said, these categories are not broad enough. It would indeed be difficult to draw up a statement which would provide for all conceivable, or indeed all reasonable, contingencies, and any document which is too finely drawn may arise to plague us from time to time.

"This in turn raises the question of the last paragraph in your memorandum, which reads: 'Before acceptance of remuneration in any of the four categories above, the consent of the Director must be obtained by the individual on full-time appointment.' Would it not be wiser to say that when situations arise which are not specifically provided for,

consent of the Director must be obtained? This would give us all a little more latitude and would, I should think, relieve the Director of a very considerable amount of detail.

"You will recall that in yesterday's discussion I suggested the possibility that the faculty at one of its early meetings should adopt a resolution to this general effect: The faculty hereby reaffirms the long-established policy of the Institute that full-time appointment as a professor or as a member carries with it the obligation to engage in no outside activities in which the primary consideration, or even a major consideration, is pecuniary. (This is not adequately or eloquently (sic.) phrased, and the resolution before adoption should perhaps be drafted by the Standing Committee of the faculty.)"

Edward M. Earle"

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POLICIES

Administration

~~XXXXXXXX~~ PROFESSORS

Academic Personnel

MEMBERS

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Memorandum to the Faculty on Nomenclature and functions
(above headings) from Oppenheimer, March 17, 1948.

Filed in Chronological File under 1948, 3/17.

D, Fulltime Employment Faculty

1948

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

DETOINAY

Biographical

PANOFSEY

✓ OPPENHEIMER

FLEXNER

Oppenheimer to Flexner informing him pursuant to agreement that faculty asked him not to reopen de Tolnay membership extension matter. Panofsky's refusal to take any position, and his own lack of ground to do anything but abide by this action such as he regrets it.

D, de Tolnay

1948

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

RIEFLER, W. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer reported to the Trustees that with Riefler's expected near resignation, the definite cleavage between Earle's work and that of the economists, and the entirely different fields covered by the humanist faculty, organization and emphasis in both economics and the humanities might well be changed in the not distant future.

Trustees' Minutes, April 15, 1948

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POLICIES

Administration

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

"The Director also touched on the role of the Institute in the present time of crisis. He did not feel that its job could be to contribute something decisive to the leadership in action at a time like the present; instead its long-term contribution should always be the main consideration."

Trustees' Minutes, April 15, 1948.

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GENERAL

Publications

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Copy of the New York Times magazine story on "The Man Who Built the A-Bomb."

A. File, J. Robert Oppenheimer

1948

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PALEOGRAPHY

E.A.LOWE

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Academic Activities

Biographical

Dr. Lowe (Cropus Christi College, Oxford) to Dr. Oppenheimer:

"I have been waiting to get to Oxford before writing you and thanking you for your last-hour-coming to the rescue and for your kind message of farewell. But this you would have done for any member of the Institute. For me, even since I met you as Director, you have done vastly more: for you have given me the kind of sympathetic understanding and encouragement which give me the hope that I may yet be privileged to pursue my research undisturbed and under conditions favorable enough to bring some of the work to a conclusion. One of the many mistakes of my life is to have been born too soon, and in consequence join the Institute ten whole years too soon. This will remain a source of bitter regret with me to my dying day. For had I had a term of years as active professor under your regime, the annals of Paleography at our Institute would not be closing with my name.

"It is wonderful being here--you know the place so I need waste no words; but it should do your heart good to hear for the first time that it was with some feeling of ^Heimweh and reluctance that I left Princeton to go abroad--a novel experience for me. Et tout ça à cause de vous. You have turned the Institute into a place with "running water", life and hope, and it did me good to put foot on its threshold.

"So it will be a pleasant thought when my time on this side is up and my boat ploughs the waves on the way home.

"I am writing from your college, where I dine at the high table now and then. I live in Balliol; the Fellows have kindly given me Common Room rights and have even let me have one of the very few guest rooms to occupy during the whole term. I like their Common Room: it is full of vigorous quiet, the pick of Oxford brains; and the Master Sandy Lindsay (now Lord L.) is a fine man. Remember most kindly to your wife and since this is your birthday, may I wish you many happy returns."

File: IAS Former Faculty - E.A.Lowe 1944-

1948

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

RIEFLER, W. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

May 1, 1948 Riefiler appointed assistant to F. R. B. Chairman Thos. B. McCabe. Leave of Absence without salary throughout 1948-49. His TIAA account to be inactive effective July 1, 1948.

February 15, 1950 Oppenheimer with Riefiler--decision on possible return to Institute.

March 19, 1950 Riefiler to Oppenheimer--in no sense "irrevocably committed" to Government service. Happy and constructive work where he is--training younger men. His post

is not one, and "they" have been trying to persuade him to shift down to Washington, but he has not been interested. That's the situation. Oppenheimer to handle as he thinks best. He terminated Riefler.

See file for detailed biographical sketch with evidence that from 1944 on Riefler had several vital outside connections in his field.

For letter Oppenheimer to Riefler, May 6, 1948, see Chronological File under 1948, 5/1 attached to this memo.

D, Riefler, W. W.

1948

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RIEPLER, WINFIELD W.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Oppenheimer to Riefler, May 6, 1948.

"This note will put in writing our understanding of the arrangements between you and the Institute for Advanced Study. As of July 1, 1948 you will be on leave of absence without salary. It is my understanding that you plan to devote the next years to the public service. Nevertheless, your colleagues and I wish to leave open the possibility of your return to the Faculty of the Institute should you in the near future desire to return. Both of us understand that if the commitments implied in your being on leave of absence become burdensome to either party, the matter will be raised between us and a more permanent settlement agreed on. Whether that would be true ~~fixxkxk~~ for the Institute will depend in some measure on the development of plans for work in the general field in which you have been interested.

"With every good wish for your success and your happiness in your new undertaking, and with every hope that

your relations with the Institute may have some warmth and some usefulness in the years to come."

D, Riefler, Winfield W.

1948

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ROCKEFELLER (BENEDICT FUND)

Foundations

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

STEINLITS, F.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, S.

Two memoranda, Stewart to Oppenheimer on irregularities in handling grant for economics from Chairman of Rockefeller Foundation Trustees. One not sent. Internal to I. A. S.

Memoranda filed in Vertical file under "S" for Rockefeller.

W. W. S. Rockefeller-Jamberger Foundation

1948

8/17

DIRECTOR

Administration

HOUSING

Facilities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Leidesdorf, August 17, 1948.

On maintenance and furnishing of Olden Manor.

D, Leidesdorf, S. B., 1948-1946-

1948

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WQAI

BOYD

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Firestone Library opened September 15, 1948.

D File, Firestone Memorial Library

1948

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

EARLE, E. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Proposed Historical Studies. Memorandum from Earle
to Oppenheimer, October 22, 1948.

Filed in Chronological file under 1948, 10/22.

Earle, I. A. S., 1946

1948

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Earle to Oppenheimer. During 1949-50 decisions will have to be made concerning the future of S. E. P. It may be advisable to have a visiting professor and several memberships with the primary purpose of becoming acquainted with persons desirable for permanent appointment membership or appointment to the Faculty. Suggests carrying an amount equal to Riefler's salary in the budget to give the School a little more leeway.

D, Historical Studies, Recommendations of the Faculty

1948

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Stewart to Oppenheimer.

A recommendation for tentative consideration for membership of Dr. Alan Gregg, 58, at the Foundation (Rockefeller?) About to retire to write. Very important in the field of psychology. Suggested for a five-year appointment. Simon Kuznets, 47, expert in studies on national income and capital formation, etc., and economic growth. He also recommends for consideration Rostow, W. W. He was recommended by Earle.

D, Historical Studies, Recommendations of Faculty

1948

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER R.

Memorandum from Stewart to Oppenheimer giving Oppenheimer biographical data on several members in economics who have been discussed by the two men: Dr. ~~Allen~~ Alan Gregg, Simon Kusnets, W. W. Rostow. Not all of these were in economics.

"While we may not/^{now}be in a position to make long-term decisions, ^{next}we are at the time when plans for next year must be made. After our discussion on Wednesday, November 24, may it not be feasible to consider those who might be invited as members for the academic 1949-50? The problems of economic growth constitute a sufficient focus to justify asking several members to spend a year with us."

S File, IAS, Sch. Econ. & Pol. (Reports, Memoranda) 1948-49

1949-1950

GENERAL (Kaplan, Welch Grape
Juice Company)

Foundations

KAPLAN, JACK M.

Biographical

VEBLER, O.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Jack M. Kaplan wrote Oppenheimer asking for information on the Institute and an opportunity to be helpful (October 12, 1949). Does not believe in bricks and mortar, but wants to help deserving people.

His secretary visited the Institute first, and Kaplan, himself, in November, 1949. Thereafter, nothing was heard of him except that Oppenheimer suggested to Veblen he might write Kaplan to assist three very promising young mathematicians to spend a year at the Institute. Veblen also suggests that Kaplan might elevate the level of professorial salaries. The file contains no evidence that anything was done by Kaplan. Check on this.

D. Kaplan, J. M.

1949

GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY

Facilities

SWANN

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

BOYD

Dr. Swann complained of the fact that some of the cabinets belonging to the Gest Oriental Library had been taken on their arrival at Firestone and turned over to the Industrial Relations Department. She also complained about the lack of care with which the collection was being handled, the fact that it did not have an appropriate space for shelving and place for objects d'art, etc. There is no letter from Oppenheimer in these files to Boyd, but there is a letter from Boyd saying somewhat casually that if anyone thinks the Industrial Relations Section can't make as good use of the cabinets as can the Gest Oriental Library, they will, of course, be returned.

Gest Oriental Library--Vault, Miscellaneous Correspondence A - L

1949 - 1954

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

CLAY, SIR HENRY

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer to Clay, August 22, 1949.

Records and confirms membership for the first term academic year 1949-50 for Clay with a non-taxable grant-in-aid of \$2100 provided by the Rockefeller Foundation, to take care of expenses during Clay's stay here in Princeton.

Clay's own description of the work which he is going to do (January 5, 1950, Ibid.) is to write about the relationships between industry and Government as he has observed them as a Professor at Oxford, in administrative work in the British Government, and in the Central Bank. He said that between the relationships which existed in 1906 when he left Oxford and the day he wrote in 1950, a revolution had taken place. He protests he is not a historian and could not do an adequate history, but he wants it to make an examination of policies and to throw some light on the nature of the modern political community.

The appointment was arranged by Willits, Stewart, Riefler, and Clay.

Clay wrote asking if he might not come back for the fall semester of 1950-1951. (Letter June 8, 1950). In the meanwhile, he had been appointed on the five-year basis.

It is apparent that he did not spend time here after that fall semester of 1950-1951.

In 1954, after a talk with the Rockefeller Foundation people, Oppenheimer and Earle were inclined to believe that since Sir Henry was not performing his work in this country, the Institute was hardly the institution to assume administrative responsibility for his grant. While this matter was being discussed, apparently, Sir Henry was killed in Belgium. (July 29, 1954).

D - Clay, Sir Henry

1949

2/18

EINSTEIN, A.

Biographical

FULTON, J.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, RO.

Fulton has asked Oppenheimer whether or not the Trustees should not be a part of a small scientific celebration on the occasion of Einstein's 70th birthday, and suggests that there is no member of the Board of Trustees apart from Veblen who would be qualified to write or speak about Einstein.

Oppenheimer replies February 18, 1949 that there is a little symposium being held for Einstein's birthday--a small scientific gathering. Veblen could chair it, but no trustee participation is likely to be involved, "and that is even more true since the symposium is being jointly sponsored and jointly paid for by the Institute and the University." He suggests Veblen and he think the trustees if they wish to honor Einstein on the occasion of his birthday, take the initiative in some action of their own.

Fulton to Oppenheimer, February 23, 1949.

He understands perfectly and is taking up the question of doing something about the birthday with Mr. Maass.

D. Fulton, John F.

1949

2/18

TRUSTEES

Corporation

COMMITTEES

Academic Personnel

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FULTON, JOHN

Oppenheimer to Fulton, February 18, 1949.

He suggests for consideration of Fulton and Lewis informally before the next meeting of the Board the following: since the Board is divided rather sharply into two groups: an academic group of perhaps five members, and a group whose main qualifications and main interest lie in their competence to the stewardship of the Institute's monies, a more intimate participation of the academic members might be established by the creation of an academic committee of the Board. Such a committee might make regular visits to the Institute, and at least on occasion meet with the faculty to discuss problems of policy, and to learn more in detail what is really going on. Oppenheimer would welcome this development.

He believes "that only by recognizing that not all trustees have an identical interest in the affairs of the Institute can we make it possible for each to contribute his full measure." He is willing to raise the question formally at the next meeting of the Board, if it meets with Fulton's and Lewis' concurrence and approval.

Fulton to Oppenheimer, February 23, 1938 1949.

He does not say he has consulted with Lewis, but says the move seems highly appropriate, "if you are quite sure that such a move would not be misinterpreted by the non-academic members of the Board." He hopes he will bring it up for discussion at the April meeting.

D, Fulton, John F.

POLICIES

Administration

GENERAL

Public Relations

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Clipping from Christchurch Press, New Zealand, September 3, 1949.

Discussed differences in policies under new administration: in the early days the Institute was conceived as a quiet retreat for internationally renowned scholars, but under Oppenheimer it has become a hub of scientific and intellectual activity. Instead of limiting the staff to a few life-term professors, Oppenheimer prefers a continual exchange of international thinkers so that the Institute will become, in fact, a world center of scholarship.

The new Director while he has faithfully adhered to the original purpose of the Institute, has inevitably influenced the pursuit of it. Brief biographical report of Oppenheimer as the head of the Los Alamos Laboratory; contributor of many of the ideas and some of the language of the 1946 Acheson-Lillenthal

Report on Atomic Energy; devoted to philosophy, human relations, cultural advancement and politics as well as science; one of the foremost theoretical physicists in the world; a student of Oriental philosophy; has read the Hindu scriptures in the original Sanskrit; a scholar of the classics; a collector of fine paintings. He is young enough to have little regard for the conventional approach to scholarship.

The Institute has more than its complement of world-renowned scholars. The presence of men like Eliot, Toynbee, Dirac, Bohr, Max von Laue, Max Rabin, physicist Hideki Yukawa from Japan has caused the Institute to be described as "an Olympic gathering of intellectual giants." The Director himself says of their discussions: "What we do not understand, we explain to each other."

The policy of the Institute today is to keep alive a steady interchange of information between those conducting research at the Institute and those outside. Oppenheimer explains:

"First, we expect to invite people who have had experience outside the academic field--in law or politics, for example--and

who have reached the point where they have something to communicate, to take a year and gather their ideas together and write them down.

"Second, we are setting up a standing offer to help to explore ideas which have hitherto not been regarded as subject to scientific investigation.

"The Institute is open to the world."

D, Publicity - Press Clippings

1949

2/24

GENERAL

Academic Organization

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓ OPPE WEINER, ROBERT

Earle suggests title for new school: "School of History & Politics" or "School of Historical and Political Studies."

Letter from Earle to Oppenheimer of February 24, 1949, filed in Chronological file under 1949, 2/24.

School of Humanistic Studies IV, Vertical file

MAASS, HERBERT H.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer to Maass, March 1, 1949.

"It is only by chance that I know of your birthday tomorrow, but I am grateful for that in that it gives me an opportunity to send you my most cordial and friendly good wishes.

"I know that this Institute is only one of your many interests, and only one of the institutions to which you have been devoted and which is in debt to you. But a word from me in thanks for the indispensable help without which we could not now be operating at all may just be appropriate. I hope there will be many birthdays, that they will be happy birthdays, and that, as the years pass, you will look back on your contributions to the Institute for Advanced Study with pleasure and with pride."

To which Maass responded with thanks: "My interest in and devotion to the Institute has been heightened over the last two years by knowledge of the fact that I was a party to inducing

you to become its Director. The progress it has made and will continue to make under you is inspirational to me and I am sure a source of great satisfaction to you." (March 2, 1949)

D; Maass, 1947-

1949

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

BUDGET

Finance

STEWART, W.W.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Stewart to Oppenheimer, March 3, 1944x 1949.

He corrects a statement which he made previously to Oppenheimer concerning Trustee approval of the transfer from the Economics Fund of \$30,000 for each of two years (1944 and 1945) as basic Institute support for the work in Economics. He says that all his notes show is that Aydelotte authorized the transfer when the budgets for the Institute were submitted to the Treasurer. He does not know whether Trustee action approved the transfers or not. Answers to his inquiries show that on June 30, 1944 and June 30, 1945 appropriations of \$30,000 in each year were made from the Fund to the Budget.

He then attaches certain documents which are not present in the file:

(1) The action of Rockefeller Foundation on the first 3-year grant--March 15, 1940 and on the second 2-year grant made February 1943.

(2) Willits to Aydelotte, May 26, 1941, with the statement that, "any funds held over at the close of a year for use during subsequent years cannot, however, be considered as a portion of the annual sum of \$30,000 to be raised by the Institute prior to claiming our funds."

(3) Gillette (Comptroller of Foundation) to Aydelotte, July 26, 1944, asking for notification, "that the additional \$30,000 has also been made available by the Institute for the work in Economics for the year 1944-45," and Aydelotte to Gillette, July 29, giving assurance, "that the Institute Trustees have appropriated \$30,000 for our work in economics for the year 1944-45 in accordance with our agreement."

(4) Statement of May 21, 1947 by Miss McNamara of the New York office and attached statement by Miss Miller. "This was the first occasion on which I learned of the discrepancy between our local account (kept by Miss Miller) and the account kept in the New York office."

(5) The attached table, (not attached) prepared in May 1947, shows the receipts and expenditures of the Fund over the 5-year period, prepared to render a final accounting to the Foundation as to the use of the Fund. Until the question of the amount of the surplus in the Fund and the disposition to be made of it have been settled, no such final accounting can be made.

The closing paragraphs indicate that though Oppenheimer may not want to be bothered, it is a matter of principle with Stewart, and he thought Oppenheimer would want to know what was involved.

S File, IAS, School of Economics, R. B. Fund - correspondence

1949

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POLICIES

Administration

MEMBERS (PROFESSORS EMERITI)

Academic Personnel

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

LINFORTH

Oppenheimer memorandum to faculty:

Cherniss wrote tentatively to Professor Linforth retired from Department of Greek U. C. inquiring whether he wished to come here as a member, with the implication we could make a grant-in-aid available. While everyone would welcome Linforth, some members expressed concern on policy of offering stipends for academic people who are retired.

Oppenheimer proposed to write Linforth stating as a decision of policy for the time being we should reserve stipend funds for younger people. We would welcome professors emeriti when they their work seems suitable for the Institute

and in the measure in which we ~~ambassadors~~ could receive them: in some cases even meeting expenses of transportation but that we could not give them grants-in-aid.

Oppenheimer concluded that since this was an enunciation of policy he wanted the faculty's concurrence or disagreement or statement that a meeting was necessary.

Stewart: agreed with principle but would apply it to the next case to save embarrassment. What about Sedin? Does welcoming mean provide office space and secretarial assistance ~~and membership~~ in membership in some group--he thinks so. Holds that stipends should go to ~~increasingly~~ an increasing number of younger men. Merritt expressed approval on his and Cherniss' part. Panofsky (despite Frankl) "wholeheartedly" concurred with the policy.

Weyl agreed but pointed out Siegel was afraid the first application of the policy would be against Niels Bohr.

Vebien thought that he concurred and asked if Oppenheimer had talked with Meritt about his experience with Capps.

D. Faculty Memoranda

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BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Earle to Oppenheimer, April 30, 1949.

Oppenheimer has received letters dated April 20 and April 25 in re: benefits. His comment is that there is grave danger by using the Institute's funds in support of older men that we might, as Einstein once said, turn the Institute into an institution. He is glad that we have not adopted a rule "which deprives us of discretion." He quotes Oppenheimer as having said once, "that the only rule which ~~was~~ [Oppenheimer] thought imperative would be to the effect that we never should bring a man here beyond the age of retirement merely to improve his own security."

D File. Earle, E. M., Edward M., 1949

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

ROCKEFELLER

Foundations

ATHELSTEN, P.

Biographical

STEWART, W. S.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Correspondence referring to above topics.

Filed in Vertical File under S, School of Economics and Politics.

A File, Rockefeller-Banberger Fund

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

MITRANY, D.

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

FLEXNER, A.

EARLE, E. M.

RIEFLER, WINFIELD W.

Mitrany to Aydelotte, May 10, 1949.

Filed under Chronological File, 1949, 5/10.

See also copy of Mitrany to Oppenheimer 5/12/49 with historical note (3 pp.) on confusions in terms of his appointment and salary dating from beginning of his appointment

A File, David Mitrany

1949

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organisation

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

MITRANY, D.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

FLEXNER, A.

EARLE, E. W.

RIEFLER, W.

Mitrary to Oppenheimer, answering one from Oppenheimer May 5.

Filed under Chronological File, 5/12/49.

A. File, David Mitrary

COMMITTEES (ACADEMIC)

Corporation

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Fulton, Lewis, and Veblen.

Oppenheimer informs them that at its meeting on April 15, 1949, the Board of Trustees voted to create an academic committee of the Trustees to be appointed by the chair. The three above-named professors were appointed by the chair, May 20, 1949, at the special meeting of the Trustees. Strauss and Maass are members ex-officiis. No chairman was named, so a chairman will have to be elected.

"I am very pleased at the creation of this new body, and hope that through it informal and valuable ~~informal~~ relations may be established between the Trustees and the academic work of the Institute. When our semester opens in September, I shall suggest to the members of the committee that they plan to visit Princeton with the primary purpose of becoming more fully acquainted with our work."

John F. Fulton, I.A.S. 1948-49
 (~~No source is attributable to this at the present moment~~)

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CONTRACTS (A. E. C.)

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Government Relations

Academic Organization

Biographical

For letters of May 25, 1949 from Oppenheimer to Beckerley, and September 14, 1949 from Oppenheimer to Kelley, regarding the contract No. AT-30-1-GEN-349, see Chronological File where they are attached to a memorandum filed under 1949, 9/20.

D File, Atomic Energy Commission (IAS)

Contract No. AT-30-1-Gen-349 & AT-30-1-1240

1949

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, J. ROBERT

Biographical

STRAUSS, LEWIS L.

Notes of a Report of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy,
81st Congress, First Session: Strauss and Oppenheimer testifying.

Filed in Vertical File under "O" for Oppenheimer.

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OFFICERS

Corporation

TRUSTEES

DIRECTOR

Administration

STRAUSS, LEWIS

FULTON, JOHN P.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

HAAS, H. H.

A copy of the statement of Strauss, June 2/ 9, 1949, on his testimony June 8, 1949, before the Joint Committee of the Congress of the Atomic Energy Commission. In this statement Strauss discloses the events in a meeting of the Atomic Energy Commission at which he was the sole dispenser to send radioactive isotopes to foreign countries, and he does a terrific job in this statement.

Struss sends the mimeographed copy of the statement to Fulton. Fulton replies to Struss, July 10, 1953.

"I am very glad to have it because many of your friends were profoundly disturbed ~~at~~ by the fact that you testified first, against your chairman and later, against Robert Oppenheimer for whom I had assumed you had a high regard scientifically.

"The summary of your testimony makes your position clear, but I am not satisfied that as a ~~non-scientist~~ non-scientist you are in a position to take issue with Robert Oppenheimer whose background in these things places him / in a position to speak with authority.

"In the circumstances, I assume that you propose to withdraw from the Atomic Energy Commission and I would suggest, also, from the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study."

Fulton sends a copy of his letter to Struss to Mass.

Hanes to Fulton, July 22, 1950, taking violent exception to Fulton's position, and saying that the matter is not so much scientific as it is legal. Nor does he believe that in the execution of a man's duties he must resign if he differs with his colleagues.

"In so far as any difference in point of view between Louis Strauss, member of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Robert Oppenheimer, citizen, (not Director of the Institute for Advanced Study) may go, this certainly does not affect the relationship of either of them to the Institute. As I reflect upon the matter, I am inclined to believe that your letter must have been written in haste and that while it may express your personal view, it should not have contained your suggestion regarding the resignation of Louis Strauss as President of the Institute, unless you had reason to feel that a majority of the Board of Trustees concur in your attitude.

I, for one, would certainly not do so, and I doubt, if the whole matter were laid before the Board, that many or perhaps any of the other Trustees would concur with you."

Fulton to Haase, August 1, 1949.

"The thing that has upset so many of Strauss' one-time friends is that he should have chosen to attack David Lilienthal in a public hearing at a time when Mr. Lilienthal was under outrageous attack by that scurvy fellow, Nickenlooper.

"...the issue involved was not a legal one but a question requiring mature judgment of an experienced scientist. Lewis Strauss elected to pontificate in a field of that was not his own, and it has left an extremely sour taste in the minds of those who know the facts.

"In view of what has happened I don't think Robert Oppenheimer will ever feel comfortable as Director of the Institute for Advanced Study so long as Mr. Strauss continues on our Board of Trustees. I repeat, however, that this is a purely personal reaction and I send it to you without consultation with any other Board member."

John F. Fulton, Institute for Advanced Study, 1948-49

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WEED, LEWIS H.

Biographical

LEWIS, WILMARTH

FULTON, JOHN P.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, JOSEPH

Fulton to Oppenheimer, June 20, 1949.

You will be distressed to learn of Lew Weed's illness.

Wheat } He has not been himself for the last six months, lost his voice completely during May, had a physical check-up; it turns out he has an advanced case of laryngeal tuberculosis and some pulmonary involvement. He is resigning from everything.

D. Fulton, John P.

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOA1

SHENSTONE, A. G.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

SHENSTONE TO OPPENHEIMER, June ²⁴ 24, 1949.

Princeton is short-staffed--Smythe, Wheeler and White are away. Could Oppenheimer assist by allowing one of our people to give a course of lectures for us on thermodynamics for one term and statistical mechanics for the second to be given by one or two men?

Princeton would pay \$800 to \$1,000 each term depending on the seniority of the lecturer. Answer could be early in September.

No record in the file of the answer which was probably made by telephone.

D - "Sa" to "Sk"

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OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FULTON, JOHN

LEWIS, WILMARTH

STRAUS

Fulton to Oppenheimer, June 29, 1949 .

"Your Senate testimony was superb. I was shocked beyond words by the testimony of L.S. the week before, and both Lefty Lewis and I feel that for your sake we must somehow see to it that he is eased off the Board of Trustees. I drafted a letter questioning the judgment which he had exercised in testifying against his chairman and the Director of the Institute, but Lefty Lewis advised against sending it because he thought it would create too much ruction in our Board; so it has gone into the wastepaper basket."

D, Fulton, John XX F.

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CONTRACTS (A. E. C.)

Government Relations

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organisation

✓
OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Kelley, Manager, A. E. C., to Oppenheimer, September 20, 1949.

He says that the question discussed in Oppenheimer's of September 14, 1949, was submitted for decision which will be taken, presumably by the Commission, on September 21.

Chadwell, Acting Manager, A. E. C. to Oppenheimer, September 22.

The decision has been taken. No fellowship should hereafter BE AWARDED and no fellowship renewed under the subject contract unless the prospective fellow has received// appropriate clearance from the Commission.

Oppenheimer to Chadwell, September 26, 1949.

"I have discussed the problems raised by your letter with our Faculty. It is our unanimous opinion that the provisions of the Appropriation Act make it impossible for us to make any further grants. In view of the non-secret nature of our work and of the traditions of the Institute for Advanced Study, we should be unwilling to make any appointments to membership in the Institute conditional upon an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We shall therefore make no further grants-in-aid the funds for which would be derived from the subject contract.

"We have already made four appointments to memberships with grants totalling \$15,500. These were made last spring. It is our understanding that in the case of these grants the provision of the new Appropriation Act are not applicable. Should we be wrong in this interpretation, we should not wish to pay these members from monies derived from the Atomic Energy Commission. We should appreciate your advice on this matter..."

On March 14, 1950, Kelley, Manager of the New York Operations, A. E. C., sent a peremptory wire prohibiting discussion of thermo-nuclear weapons with unauthorized persons regardless of classification of the information. "This means that until further notice no information on this subject can be made public by people working for the A. E. C. or for contractors on A. E. C. contracts. All...employees...are instructed to refrain from publicly stating facts or giving comment on any thermonuclear reactions of the Commission's program..."

This was followed by a very different kind of wire on March 17, directed to Miss Trinterud (who handled a good deal of the correspondence with respect to the A. E. C. contract). Kelley regrets the abruptness and tone of the previous message which were not sufficiently explanatory. The assistance and cooperation of all employees and contractors and consultants is requested to avoid the release of technical information. The instructions will still permit unclassified discussions of what might be called the classical thermonuclear reactions as long as there is no reference to their relation to weapons."

D Atomic Energy Commission (IAS)
D Contract No. AT-30-1-Gen-349 & AT-30-1-1240

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓ OPFENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Memorandum to files October 3, 1949 noted faculty meeting September 26, 1949. No minutes taken. A decision was reached regarding government contracts embodied in attached letter (September 26, 1949). Staff holidays decided upon.

D, Faculty Minutes, 1948-1951

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GRANTS-IN-AID

Academic Personnel

~~ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION~~

~~Academic Activities~~

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Mr. H. Marshall Chadwell, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, P. O. Box 30, Ansonia Station, New York 23, New York, September 26, 1949.

"Thank you for your thoughtful letter of September 22nd. In that letter you inform us of the provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1950 and determine, in my opinion correctly, that the provisions relating to fellowships should apply to the grants made by the Institute for Advanced Study under contract No. At-30-1-GEN-349.

"I have discussed the problems raised by your letter with our Faculty. It is our unanimous opinion that the provisions of the Appropriation Act make it impossible for us to make any further grants. In view of the non-secret nature of our

work and of the traditions of ^[consulting] the Institute for Advanced Study, we should be willing to make any appointments to membership in the Institute conditional upon an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We shall therefore make no further grants-in-aid the funds for which would be derived from the subject contract.

"We have already made four appointments to membership with grants totalling \$15,000. These were made last spring. It is our understanding that in the case of these grants the provisions of the new Appropriation Act are not applicable. Should we be wrong in this interpretation, we should not wish to pay these members from monies derived from the Atomic Energy Commission. We should appreciate your advice on this matter. We should also be glad to have any interpretative material and any legislative history which would enable us to determine the probable interpretation of the criminal penalties provided in the second part of the Appropriation rider.

I need hardly add that unless a new basis for the support of basic, unclassified work in the sciences can be developed,

the Institute will be unwilling to renew the contract.

"With every good wish,

"Yours sincerely,

"Robert Oppenheimer"

Faculty Minutes, October 3, 1949

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ROCKEFELLER

Foundations

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Stewart's memorandum of communication with Oppenheimer regarding explanation of diversion of unexpended \$99,000 of Rockefeller-Bamberger Fund 1941-3, \$35,000 of which was returned to Rockefeller Foundation and \$64,000 diverted to entire budget and other than economic program. Oppenheimer stood for auditing explanation, Stewart for substantive. Ends with concession Stewart that plans for economics in future require no additional outside funds for economic support. Implication economics professors did not know they had more money available 1941-3 and later.

D, Rockefeller-Bamberger Fund, 1941

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

ROOSEVELT FOUNDATION ON

Foundations

BUDGET

Finance

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

ATHELSTON, F.

Copy.

"September 29, 1949

"Memorandum on the Special Economics Fund--(For our Files)

Yesterday afternoon JHO told me the proposal which the Institute is making to the Foundation to settle the questions that have arisen concerning the Economics Fund. The

proposal had been worked out during the summer with Dr. Aydelotte and Mr. Leidesdorf and with some modification by JHO since his return. Leidesdorf has ~~been~~ had an exchange of letters with Beal at the Foundation.

"In formulating the questions, JHO separates the rather involved position into two separate parts. At the end of the first matching grant in 1943 there was in the Fund something over \$99,000. Aydelotte at that time worked out with Willits a refund to the Foundation of approximately \$35,000. This refund left an amount of about \$65,000 still in the Fund. At that time, JHO believes, the proper procedure would have been to go to Mr. Benberger and offer him a refund of his contribution as was done to the Foundation. Since this was not done the money remaining in the Fund could be interpreted as Institute funds available to Economics and therefore available to be used in making the two \$30,000 grants to meet the Institute commitment toward the second matching grant by Mr. Benberger and the Foundation. While the matter at that time might have been handled with

greater clarity, it is now regarded as a matter internal to the Institute and not a matter to discuss with the Foundation. From the standpoint of internal administration, it would have been better to have dealt frankly with the professors in Economics so that they would have known at that time that the Fund was being used to meet the requirement of Institute support of \$30,000 a year.

"The second question has to do with the money remaining in the Economics Fund at the end of the second grant. During the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 certain moneys were spent in support of economics work and at the time were charged, as ~~support~~ [here the word, support, is crossed out and above it in ink is written, "were expenditures"] for other councils, against the Institute income. These expenditures JNS regards as legitimate charges against the Fund, if they had been so entered at the time. Since, however, the accounts were not kept in this form, he now feels that in writing to the Foundation this fact should be called to their attention. The Foundation would then be asked whether it agrees with the

Institute that the expenditures during these two years were legitimate charges against the Fund. If so, as much of the expenditures of those years as can be covered by the money remaining in the Fund will be charged to the Fund, thus liquidating the Economic Fund. This statement of fact to the Foundation and the raising of the question with them was the suggestion of JNO. The letter, however, will be signed by Leidesdorf and addressed to Seal.

"In considering the liquidation of the Fund the Director separated the question of whether Economic needed some special fund independent of regular budget support from the Institute. This he thought a separate matter, not requiring consultation with the Foundation and could be settled on its merits.

"JNO then asked me what I thought of the proposal. I told him that from the beginning my chief interest was to clarify the situation so that there could be no future embarrassment between the Foundation and the Institute, and if possible to work out an arrangement which would be satisfactory

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both to the Institute and the Foundation. Without expressing any further views in the matter, I saw no reason why the proposal should not be made, though it seemed to me desirable that he should talk with Bernard on the matter after Leidesdorf's letter had been received by Neal. The reason for this is that the risk of misunderstanding does not lie between the accounting offices but between the heads of the two institutions.

"As to the continuance of some separate fund for the work in economics, I personally saw no need for it. From what I understand of the plans for the future in Economics, I saw no need for support beyond that which could be provided from the ordinary budget."

W. V. Stewart
signed WVS

He had withdrawn to
consultative capacity!

S File, I. A. S., School of Economics - Rockefeller-Berger Fund

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

WOODWARD, E. L.

Biographical

EARLE, E. W.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Letter from Earle to Woodward, October 5, 1949, regarding the disintegration of the School of Economics and Politics, and the possibility of the Institute combining that Earle School and the School of Humanistic Studies, making the new School of Historical Studies. Earle wants to appoint Woodward to the school.

Letter filed in Chronological File under 10/5/49.

Earle, I. A. S., 1947-8

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GENERAL (Hermit Roosevelt for
Saturday Evening Post;
Miller for Colliers)

Public Relations

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Probably as a result of the article in Time, November 8, 1948,
(see Vertical File, Public Relations) the Institute became
gun-shy on publicity.

Hermit Roosevelt first asked Oppenheimer for an appointment
April 19, 1949, and cited a couple of Saturday Evening Post
articles he had done on Mr. Conant. Mrs. Leary informed him
that it was a bad time to do an article, and that Oppenheimer
was too busy to see him. He said that the Saturday Evening
Post would go ahead anyway--that he has submitted an outline
to them last spring and they wanted it completed. (October 7, 1949).
On October 10, 1949, he submitted an outline of the article
to Oppenheimer, saying that the Post was going to publish an

article anyway, and Oppenheimer might as well relent and see him. He found the Life article good. He said it is not his intention to devote himself almost exclusively to Oppenheimer, but to the Institute.

Oppenheimer consulted first with Veblen, sending the correspondence and the outline (see file) to Veblen who evidently suggested a Faculty meeting. Thereafter, Mrs. Cary, October 18, 1949, wrote to Roosevelt saying that Oppenheimer had taken the matter up with the Faculty. "The unanimous opinion of the Faculty was that they hoped the article would not be published...because they feel the Institute has had too much publicity recently. I know that they very much hope that the article will not come out, either now or in the near future."/

"Some of the Faculty members feel that even in the interests of accuracy, the Institute should not intervene in any way, should you continue with it; whereas others are

sufficiently concerned about the article to hold the contrary view. Since this is the case, I do not see how the Director could help you.

Mrs. Leary offered to contact the Saturday Evening Post directly and explain the situation, but received no answer from Roosevelt.

Merle Miller asked for an interview with Oppenheimer after spending several days in Princeton for Colliers prior to March 11, 1950. Miller said he had never had the kind of experience he had in Princeton last week - "except in prewar Germany." He told Oppenheimer Mrs. Leary had told him that though Oppenheimer was out of town at the time, she was sure that when you returned you would not only refuse to see me, but that you would look with disfavor on any story on the Institute by any writer. Miller saying that he could go ahead with the story anyway could not imagine that Oppenheimer would refuse to see him. He talked with several people at the University and a couple of members of the Institute staff.

He also talked with Edgar Bamberger in Newark. Though the members of the Institute did not want any publicity on their work or on the Institute, they both agreed that "in a democratic society the kind of article I had in mind was perfectly legitimate and might even be important."

After Oppenheimer's return Mrs. Leary called him again and reiterated the fact that Oppenheimer would not see him. She also announced that an appointment with Dr. Aydelotte had been cancelled.

Miller said that if the Institute and its personnel had not had any publicity in the past, he could well understand the attitude, but that he construed it now in favor of the Time-Life group. Mrs. Leary reported to Dr. Oppenheimer that she had not been able to find any Faculty person who had talked with Miller.

On March 21, 1950, Oppenheimer wrote a letter, telling him that a distinguished writer some months ago had asked

help in writing a piece about the Institute; but Oppenheimer had taken his request to the "faculty which" in many matters acts as a sort of custodial body. They expressed the very strong opinion that it would be undesirable to have anything written about the Institute at that time, and asked me to do what I could to discourage the writing of the article, and urged me under no circumstances to collaborate. This seemed to me an obligation that I ought to take quite seriously, irrespective of my own views as to the general virtue of some form of public accountability, even on the part of a quite private institution...under the circumstances, I would find it incompatible with my obligation to my colleagues to offer you cooperation in the writing of an article whose very existence they would deplore."

D, Exhibits Publicity - Requests for articles

POLICIES

Administrative

/OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

TRUSTEES

Corporation

PROJECTS

Government Relations

"The Director reported the Faculty view that the Institute could not continue those Government contracts under which a member's work was supported only after investigation of the member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and clearance by the contracting agency...On motion of the Chair, it was seconded and carried that the action of the Director be approved; and that in similar future situations the Trustees be advised before action was taken."

Tr. Min. 10/21/49 p. 3

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BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Panofsky, December 16, 1949.

Executive Committee

The ~~board~~ at its meeting November 15, 1949, adopted the resolution: Operative as of July 1, 1950, the minimum total pension of present full Institute professors should be \$6,000; that the obligation is the Institute's to provide the difference between this amount and the pension provided through insurance; "the additional payments should be covered in the ordinary budget."

D File, Panofsky, Erwin, 1945

1949

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LIBRARY

Facilities

✓ OPFENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

Robert Oppenheimer transmits to Dr. John Fulton, Professor Veblen, and Messers Lewis and Maass a report dated December 9, 1949, by the library committee, consisted of Cherniss, Thompson, and Weyl. This report analyzed the shortage of space in the library, proposed the building of an additional building to the south of the Institute, connected with the Institute by a corridor ~~xxxxx~~ through the main window of the large library room; it also proposed that all available library space at present used in the library (then used in the library); that is, the central room the the two stack rooms should be turned over to the School of Mathematics for mathematics and physics libraries, and that the three top shelves of the great room in the library should not be used since they are a risk to limb, if not life. The new building which would be connected by a corridor would not be sufficiently close, but it would close out the light from the big library room. It would be devoted to the library for the School of Historical Studies. It would be hoped

that archeological books could be accommodated for a while in Professor Goldman's study if she were to move to a smaller room, which she has offered to do.

The committee also recommended that the present conception of seminar-libraries for the fields of study which members of the Faculty are interested in, should not be abandoned in favor of a general library. Finally, "we take it for granted that the practice of using the Firestone Library to the fullest possible extent will be continued."

In library practice, augmentation of various parts of the library is recommended. Increase in the budget for books from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year is recommended, and it is also recommended for the present, the budget not be split between the two schools.

Directors Files

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

POLICIES

Administration

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

The following meetings were held with no minutes or memoranda in the faculty files: September 18, 1950, October 3, 1950, December 13, 1950, February 5, 1951, May 18, 1951. Business was transacted at some of these meetings and decisions taken. Some were luncheons. Thus on December 13, 1950, at a special faculty luncheon there was consideration of Kantorowicz' appointment. On April 16, 1951, appointments of members Shoe, Segal and Kaufman were approved and Hassler Whitney's appointment was discussed. On May 18, 1951 Whitney's appointment was approved.

D, Faculty Minutes, 1948-1951

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

POLICIES

Administration

GREENBAUM, GENERAL EDWARD S.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Greenbaum to Oppenheimer, February 21, 1950 (Greenbaum was elected a Trustee October 25, 1951.)

Greenbaum, member of the firm of Greenbaum, Wolf, and Ernst, 285 Madison Avenue, New York. Suggested to Oppenheimer the holding of a conference at the Institute to study the causes for delay, expense, and technicalities in the conduct of civil lawsuits, and the extent to which court procedures have been adjusted to handle cases arising out of modern industrial conditions. Oppenheimer was pressed by Haess and Strauss to hold a conference to canvass these problems at the Institute. He took the position that the project was much too broad and should be narrowed (January 29, 1950). He consulted with Max Radin, then a member at the Institute, on the project, and suggested that Greenbaum

mention Oppenheimer's interest in it, but call the conference himself. Ultimately, the conference was held on invitation by the Institute on May 12 and 13, 1950. Attended by a number of law professors and judges and practicing attorneys.

See letter in Chronological File, May 17, 1950, Oppenheimer to Greenbaum summarizing the results of the conference.

D, New York Bar Committee on Admin. Justice
Arrangements meeting 5/12-13/50

PHYSICS

Academic Activities

EINSTEIN, A.

Biographical

MAASS, H. E.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

PUBLIC RELATIONS GENERAL

Public Relations

Maass to Oppenheimer noting in surprise that the press during the last week of 1949 in articles and photographs relating to Einstein's new theory it was mentioned but infrequently that he was connected with the Institute and referred mostly to Princeton University.

Maass added, "I assume all of this was done without consultation with you, but I hope you agree that the Institute should have had a greater and predominant share in the publicity.

No answer from Oppenheimer in file.

D, Maass, 1947-

1950

1/25

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KENNAN, GEORGE D.

Biographical

DODDS, HAROLD

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Dodds to Oppenheimer, January 25, 1950.

relates
~~rehearses~~ conversation with Kennan, and ~~asks~~ ^{urges} Oppenheimer to agree that if Kennan comes to the Institute he may participate in Princeton's teaching. Advanced courses possible having to do with Russian institutions, ideology, political behavior and literature, in which his help would be welcome. He will have free access to Princeton's facilities.

"It is true that our two corporations have studiously refrained in the past from joint engagement of personnel at the ~~same~~ same time, although we have worked out arrangements in the past by which a man was on the Institute's staff for one period and on the University's staff for another. Would you consider the University joining in an invitation to Kennan in some way that would enable us to have some part of him

without disturbing his relationship to the Institute or your purpose in bringing him on?

"I had hoped to talk to you about this but it seems to be but rarely that we are both in town on one and the same day."

Note of a telephone conversation undated from Kennan, explaining to Oppenheimer that Dodds approached him and he did not approach Dodds.

Letter of Charles Dollard, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York, March 6, 1950, to Oppenheimer, volunteering aid in the Kennan employment in publications.

Oppenheimer to Chester I. Barnard, ^{via. Rockefeller Fdn.} February 24, 1950, asking for aid in what is estimated to be a \$20,000 expenditure for the first year of Kennan's employment.

Kennan, Oppenheimer/ explains, has been Counsellor and Chief of the Planning Division of the Department of State, and has decided to take a leave of absence for a year or two from the Government "for study and reflection."

D. Kennan, George F., 1951-54

1950

2/13

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

KENWAN, GEORGE

Biographical

DODDS, HERBERT W.

Biographical

✓
OPPENHEIMER

Dodds to Oppenheimer, February 13, 1950.

Notes that on January 25 Dodds wrote Oppenheimer a proposal of for "muscling in" on a call to George Kennan. "I assured George that if such an arrangement is not possible from the administrative standpoint, it would make no difference whatsoever as to his welcome here by all parties."

"If you can spare a moment to give me your reaction I shall appreciate it. If you want to talk it over I shall be very happy to come out and call on you. I have another long-standing matter, about which we spoke over the phone some weeks ago, which I ought to take up with you also."

D, Dodds, Harold W.

1950

2/15
3/19

RIEFLER, WINFIELD W.

Biographical

853/OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Oppenheimer to Riefiler, February 15, 1950.

"It is now about two years since you first told us of your intentions to return to government service and to leave the Institute. At that time you felt that this was an irreversible decision. We who had cause to regret your decision still hope that you might wish to return; and for that reason asked you to consider yourself on leave of absence from the Institute, and to put off resignation until such time as all doubts had been resolved.

"I am writing to you now in the ~~melancholy~~ melancholy anticipation that that time has arrived, and to ask ~~for~~ you for a candid expression of your own desires in the matter.

"We all send you the warmest of greetings, and wish that you and Dorothy would visit more often the community in which you have so many warm friends."

Riefler to Oppenheimer, March 19, 1950.

He apologizes for delay in answering, and says that he is remodeling his house, and that the letter has become buried someplace. "However, I have the contents sufficiently in mind I think to give you the information you need.

"(1) I am in no sense 'irrevocably committed' (was that the term) to the government service.

"(2) I feel that during the past two years I have been using my capacities, constructively and creatively.

"(3) At the moment, I am quite happy intellectually. We really have a magnificent economic staff here. I am gradually getting to the point where my contacts with the younger ones are such that they take the initiative to talk things over. That is quite some progress.

"(4) The post is a fairly 'hot' one and therefore no one can tell how long these conditions will last. At the moment again, they are trying to persuade me to shift down here, but I have not been interested.

"That's about the whole situation. So far as my formal relationship to the Institute is concerned, please handle it in whatever way is preferable from your point of view. What I regret most, is that I have not been able to keep up my informal contacts with you and the group as I should have liked. I have had to stay here pretty continuously on the job."

D, Riefler, Winfield W.

1950

2/18

GENERAL

Facilities

FOUNDERS

Corperation

BRADLEY

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Report: path Fuld Hall to Trolley seeded and paths through woods 75 per cent cleared of brush and undergrowth. Bridge #1 completed; Bridge #2 partly.

D, Buildings and Grounds, Miscellaneous

1950

2/21

HOUSING

Facilities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

The Director reported housing facilities inadequate. Asks the Trustees to think about a plan for 30 family dwellings and accommodations for about 20 single members, plus club facilities which should be financed by outside money. The Trustees inclined to the belief that library space should have priority.

Executive Committee Minutes, February 21, 1950

1950

2/21

PSYCHOLOGY

Academic Activities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

STIPENDS (DIRECTOR'S FUND)

Academic Personnel

Director reported the conference on Psychological Studies was held in November to ascertain whether there are any problems in methodology which would yield to study. Director concluded study not feasible at this time, but the Director found that two of the members of the conference (of approximately 10), sound thinkers, wanted to come to the Institute in the future.

Executive Committee Minutes, Feb. 21, 1950

1950

2/22

STRAUSS, EMMIX LEWIS

Biographical

FULTON, JOHN

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Fulton to Oppenheimer, February 22, 1950.

It was a good meeting of the Board yesterday and I must confess to having been rather pleasantly surprised by Lewis Strauss' chairmanship. He actually encouraged a little general discussion and it is practically the first time that this has happened during the seven years I have served as a trustee.

D, Fulton, John F.

1950

2/26

GENERAL (NEW JERSEY BATTLEFIELD PARK)	Government Relations
BY-LAWS	Corporation
MAASS, H. H.	Biographical
✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.	

Maass acknowledges an unfound letter from Oppenheimer from Palm Springs, California. He comments on Oppenheimer's report to him of the Board meeting of February 20, 1950 on By-Laws saying that the new Committee should for the third time seek to define the responsibilities of the faculty, Trustees and Director clarifying what are now undefined areas of power and responsibility with a no man's land "here, there and elsewhere which can be illuminated." They were to have a two-day meeting in April for which he will return.

About the Battlefield he said the Institute could well afford to give away 30 acres but not any of the plots outlined in the request since they w^d (1) affect Institute's ingress and egress from Institute land and are highland. Suggests Institute's Real Estate Committee should con^{fer} or with representatives

of the state and agree upon a gift which would deprive the
Institute only of the least desirable part of the acreage
requested and a minimum acreage to be deeded to the state after
the location has been fixed.

D, Haase, 1947-

1950

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

ÖDDEL, KURT

Biographical

MARIE, E. M.

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Marie opposed the proposed appointment of Kurt Ödöel to the School of Mathematics in March, 1950, by blackballing. He pointed out that there had been no appointments in the School of Historical Studies to replace those vacated by Nitray, Riefler, Warren and Stewart's coming retirement, and, as a matter of fact, the School of Mathematics has been appointing several during the past two years. He thinks there would be no money left for the School of Historical Studies. He makes his point in 2 letters to Oppenheimer dated March 27, 1950, one formal, one informal.

Oppenheimer to Marie, April 3, 1950. It is not going to be difficult to defer the action on Ödöel's appointment, since the School, 10000, is divided about the wisdom of it.
D File, Marie, Edward M., 1945

1950

5/17

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

GREENBAUM

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Copy of Oppenheimer's summary of conference on legal studies.

Filed in Chronological file under 1950, 5/17.

D, New York Bar Conference

1950

5/24

CHICAGO

Relations W.O.A.I.

ADLER, MORTIMER J.

Biographical

✓OPPENHEIMER, R.

"Summa Malectica"

Filed in Chrono. file under 1950, 5/24.

1950

5/24

GENERAL (CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

AYDELOTTE, P.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

ADLER, MORTIMER, J.

Oppenheimer's letter to Adler, May 24, 1950.

Declines for the Institute any part of the great books program.

D File, Adler, Mortimer J.

1950

10/26

TRUSTEES

Corporation

FALTON, JOHN F.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

LEWIS, WILMARTH

(See Trustees' Minutes of October 20, 1950, to which is appended letter by Wilmarth Lewis on the function of Trustees.)

Falton to Oppenheimer, October 26, 1950.

He regrets that Mr. Maass found it fitting to read Lewis' letter. It is true that financial officers of a board of trustees should not attempt to influence and educational policy, "but this is better accepted as unwritten law rather than put forth vocally." Lewis is very conscious of the problem because the business members of the Yale Corporation unconsensuously meddle with educational policies and Lewis resents it.

Fulton suggests that as new members are appointed to the Board, those with academic qualifications should be considered because almost everyone at the present time is in frail health. Qualification is a new appointee should be carefully reviewed by the entire Board. He hopes there won't be other Herbert Lehmans, John Hancocks or Linders appointed. He says that Linder, Hancock and Lehman were simply brought to the Board meeting and declared members "before any of us had opportunity to pass on their qualifications." Linder is the best of the three. "Lehman is dead wood, John Hancock is even dead, and there is no earthly point in having this kind of window-dressing. He prays that the letter remain confidential.

D Fulton, John F.

1950

11/3

TAXATION

Government Relations

EARLE, E. W.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Earle said that Dollard, Carnegie Corporation, with whom he discussed the question of tax exemptions on fellowships and academic stipends, said that the Guggenheim Foundation and others with the Carnegie Corporation, had retained Roswell Magill to protect the interests of academic institutions in general. Dollard thinks individual institutions may muddy the waters, and it might be well if Oppenheimer would talk with Podds who knows all about the Magill arrangements, and might participate in taking advantage of Magill's services.

D, Earle, Edward E., 1945

1950

11/16

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

DODDS, HAROLD W.

Oppenheimer to Dodds, November 16, 1950.

Puts in writing "the proposal which we discussed this morning." Purpose: simple and appropriate mechanism for discussion between the faculties of problems of common interest which may arise in our policies for advanced study and research. Each institution to designate a committee of three from ~~the~~ its faculty. The joint committee to meet from time to time, and report to Oppenheimer and Dodds respectively. Suggests faculty from University be broadly representative of the fields of Institute study as well as University's. Not necessary to fix a term or time but rotation would be desirable.

November 22, 1950, Dodds agreeing and confirming oral endorsement. The three who will serve for the University :

W. J. Oates, Harold Sprout, and Eugene Wigner.

January 15, 1951, Oppenheimer to Dodds, saying he has appointed von Neumann, Earle and Cherniss. Suggests first problems: research in international relations and modern political history in which both University and Institute may possibly be more active in the near future than they have been in the past. Also seminars and literary criticism which have been directed by Mr. Francis Fergusson, "the future outgrowth of which is of some interest to us." Also problems in classified contracts in connection with the mobilization where, in some cases at least, both the Institute and the University would almost inevitably be involved together. Oppenheimer will be glad to discuss these questions with his colleagues at the Institute.

Other notes of not great value indicating that what Oates said was true: main function was to exchange a list of members no evidence of substantial discussions of the things Oppenheimer talked about in last letter.

D, Institute-University Liaison Committee

1950

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1950

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1951

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TRUSTEES

Corporation

POLICIES

Administration

KANTOROWICZ

Biographical

STRAUSS

MAASS

✓ OPPENHEIMER

At meeting Executive Committee December 1 nomination of Kantorowicz presented. Debate, apparently on his action in oath controversy. Strauss apparently opposed--Meeting adjourned with understanding that if President did not confirm appointment within next few days, Executive Committee adjourned session should be called. It was on December 29th and the vote to confirm on motion of Strauss was unanimous--Maass opposed separate minutes and sought to obscure fact that debate was serious. He submitted his own draft of minutes to Oppenheimer (1/2/51) coalescing minutes to obliterate debate and fixing final action as at 12/1/50.

John Fulton questioned aides memoires of Oppenheimer on both meetings 1/26/51 and the omission of substantive debate. Leary informed him of Maass' action, and Fulton subsided with statement he considered meeting 12/29/50 "probably the most important that we have had since I joined" the Board in 1942. (2/2/51)

D, Notices Drafts- ~~Letter Nominations~~ or Minutes}

1951

4/12

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Earle expresses himself after a conversation with Oppenheimer and after further thought, and is thinking it would be best if there were no faculty members on the Board.

D, Earle, Edward M. - 1945

1951

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GENERAL

Public Relations

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Earle to Oppenheimer, April 19, 1951.

Harold Sprout telephone him to ask if in the press
re release which Princeton is issuing on the appointment of
the Yale group it might be said appropriately that with the facilities
of the Institute, this move by the Princeton community will
make it the leading center in the United States in these
fields.

D, Earle, Edward M. -1945

1951

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

WHITNEY

The School of Mathematics had held one ~~working~~ meeting to consider appointing Whitney to a professorship at the Institute. Whitney, a creative and exciting figure, and the School wished to make the offer even if Whitney does not come. Second meeting to approve the offer had not been held as yet, and, therefore, Oppenheimer asked the Board's permission to make the appointment subject to the vote of the Faculty; salary \$18,000. The Board granted the conditional approval.

Trustees' Minutes, 5/4/51

1951

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

LAMONT, THOMAS

Oppenheimer to Lamont, May 29, 1951, regarding the type of place this Institute is.

Filed in Chronological File under 1951, 5/29.

D, File, Lamont, Thomas

1951

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HOUSING

Facilities

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Leidesdorf, August 2, 1951.

Regarding extension of the lease of Joseph Wright to
Veblen's house at 85 Battle Road which he gave to the
Institute. *for a continued period in excess of 8 hrs*

D, Leidesdorf, S. D., 1946-

1951

November

INSTITUTE

Publications

GENERAL

Public Relations

~~OPPENHEIMER, R.~~

Biographical

These are the work papers on the preparation of the brochure.
See comments and suggestions of Ed Earle and Panofsky.

D File, Brochure - Preparation of

1952 1952

January 15

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BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

STRAUSS, LEWIS L.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Strauss to Oppenheimer, January 15, 1952.

Sends Oppenheimer copy of the report made by a Joint Committee of the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges published May, 1950, in the Bulletin of the Association of American Colleges. It is on the retirement problem. While most colleges are using the 65 year age for normal retirement, the consensus of the report appears to be that if no financial considerations entered the picture, the best fixed retirement age would be "around 68" and that "financial considerations would indicate an older, rather than a younger, age."

D. Strauss, Lewis L.

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Memo from J. von Neumann to Dr. Oppenheimer:

"I discussed the American Mathematical Society proposal to the National Science Foundation with Professor Begle, the Secretary of AMS. The sentences referring to the Institute have now been changed as follows:

'The founding of the Institute for Advanced Study has had a profound influence on research in Mathematics in this country. The existence of a place where mathematicians can gather to do research without the burden of teaching has been markedly beneficial. Nevertheless, it has not been the primary purpose of the Institute to organize meetings of a group of experts all interested in a single subject, and it has in fact not done so in mathematics.'"

File D Amer. Math. Soc.

1952

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (PALMER LABORATORY) Relations WOAI

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer, to Pais, von Neumann, and Yang, November 17, 1952.

He announces that Princeton University has embarked on a study project for a strong focussing high energy accelerator. The Physics Department and Milton White, who is in charge of the study, have asked the Institute to participate in the planning and discussion of the undertaking; and Oppenheimer has suggested that the three above-named and himself might serve from time to time in that capacity. He says they will meet regularly weekly at 11:30 a. m. on Wednesdays for these planning discussions.

On November 18, Milton White to Oppenheimer, expressing pleasure, "that you have offered to throw the Institute power into the multi-billion volt accelerator design study which Princeton is now organizing." He says it is to the interests of the Atomic Energy Commission, Princeton University, and the Institute that

the outstanding group of scientists at the Institute should become closely associated with a scientific venture that will surely carry us well beyond the bounds of present knowledge.

D File, Accelerator Panel- IAS/Princeton University Study Project

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer recommends that the Institute make \$2,000 a year available for secretarial services. He is going to write a book on the Rhodes Trusts. While this is not the usual kind of help rendered a Director or professors emeriti, he thinks it would be well to grant it as a matter of dignity and courtesy.

After Leidesdorf discussed it with Strauss it is agreed.

D File, Aydelotte, Frank, 1946-

1953

LITERATURE

Academic Activities

MATHEMATICS

MORSE, MARSTON

Biographical

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Morse said Panofsky approved T. S. Eliot who was sponsored by Robert Oppenheimer. Creativity not I. A. S. field--but mathematics pretends to be creative.

Interview with Morse, 12/13/55

1953

3/10

✓ OPPENHEIMER

Biographical

STRAUSS, LEWIS L.

Oppenheimer to Strauss, March 10, 1953, congratulating him upon the official notice of his duties (appointment as Chairman of the AEC). "I know that the tasks to which you have been summoned are not easy, and that they will be a heavy burden for you, despite the support and companionship of those with whom you will be working. But I also know of your long interest and deep devotion; and that is why ~~kw~~ on the whole this is a note, not of condolence, but of celebration."

D, Strauss, Lewis L.

1953

4/6

GENERAL

Academic Personnel

OPPENHEIMER, J. ROBERT

Biographical

Oppenheimer to von Neumann, April 6, 1953.

He informs vonNeumann that at meeting of the Board of Trustees, April 3, it was voted to make available to each of the members of the Faculty \$1,000 a year for professional travel. What is not required in any one year may accumulate, but may not exceed \$3,000 in accumulation.

D File, John von Neumann

1953

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GIFTS

Finance

DAVIS, RAYMOND S.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHIMER, ROBERT

See correspondence between Raymond S. Davis and
Oppenheimer in re possibility of a gift to the Institute.

See IAS - General "D" Davis, Raymond S. (In Director's Office)

1953

4/16
4/22
4/28

STRAUSS, LEWIS L.

Biographical

✓ OFFENHEIMER

Oppenheimer to Strauss, April 16, 1953. The final bills have now come in from Marks and from Volpe. The total comes to \$14,219.11. (later corrected by Mrs. Russell to \$14,780.48). Of this \$12,000 is for professional services of the two lawyers. The remainder is for their out-of-pocket expenses, mostly in connection with the investigations which they conducted for me. There are two earlier items of such expenses in 1950 and 1951, also caused by Mr. Crouch. They come to \$768.32. (The amount which Mrs. Russell said she overlooked). I did not raise the question of these at the time, and paid them since they were well within my means.

I have not discussed with counsel in any way the disposition of this bill. It is a large sum of money, but represents a quite frugal and modest charge for the very great amount of time and effort that they put into the case, and that in the end apparently was well rewarded.

Strauss to Oppenheimer, April 22, 1953. Would like to consult him about how best to proceed. "Should I conduct some soundings first with a few of the Trustees here in New York or do you wish me to take it up at the next meeting of the Board? I am somewhat inclined to the first procedure but would like to be guided by your preference."

April 28, 1953, Katherine Russell to Strauss correcting to the larger figure.

D, Strauss, Lewis L.

1953

ROCKEFELLER

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

DENNES, WILLIAM R.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

CHEMNISS

10/20

Foundations

Academic Organization

Biographical

See Dennes report of Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, I. A. S., Princeton, August 15, 16, 17, 1953; also 'Cherniss' comments.

July 1, 1953, the Rockefeller Foundation made available \$1,000 for the expenses of the conference.

D File, Dennes Conference on Philosophy

1953

10/28

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

GENERAL

Finance

BUDGET

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

Oppenheimer reported he had told trustees spending up with income. Had doubt about suggesting new appointments, etc. / Trustees told him to tell faculty to continue making recommendations. Could spend surplus or capital gains. Director construes this to mean Trustees aware of need for additional income.

Faculty Minutes, p. 257

1954

4/14

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

~~OPPENHEIMER, R.~~

Aydelotte to Oppenheimer, April 14, 1954, offering to take his place temporarily while Oppenheimer is in Washington on a hearing.

Filed in Chronological File under 1954, 4/14.

A File, Robert Oppenheimer

1954

4/24

BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

WEYL, HERMANN

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer to Weyl.

He has recommended to the Trustees extension through the academic year 1954-5 the present arrangements whereby the Institute makes available to Weyl a grant of \$4,000 to facilitate his coming to the Institute for several months during that year. The Institute were delighted to make the arrangement.

(The extension was of a three year stipend granted by the Board as specified Oppenheimer to Weyl, May 18, 1951, *ibid.*)

D File, Weyl, Hermann, 1946-

1954

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PALEOGRAPHY (MEDIAEVAL)

Academic Activities

CARNEGIE

Foundations

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

✓OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer to Moe, May 7, 1954, regarding Lowe, etc.

Filed in Chronological File under 1954, 5/7.

D File, Lowe, E. A.

1955

March - November

TRUSTEES

Corporation

FACULTY

Academic Personnel

SALARIES

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Note: There were no faculty meetings from March, 1955 to November, 1955. There was an increase in salary for all Institute professors to \$18,000 resulting from action by the Trustees on October 27, 1955. There is no allusion in the minutes to the faculty moving for this increase in salary.

Note: Veblen said at the Trustees' meeting of April 5, 1955 that at the time of the founding of the Institute the \$15,000 maximum faculty salary made it possible to attract

professors from any other institution, but that the increase of twenty percent reflected in today's salaries was not as large as the increase in full professors' salaries, generally. Dr. Oppenheimer stated that to his knowledge there had been only two formal declinations of appointment to the Faculty and that one of these was clearly not for financial reasons.

1955

4/10
4/12

BAILEY, MRS. ESTHER S.

Biographical

✓ FLEXNER, A.

✓ OPENHEIMER, R.

Mrs. Bailey to Oppenheimer, April 10, 1955.

Without Flexner's knowledge, she says, she acknowledges receipt of the bibliography, and criticizes the introductory statement for not mentioning Flexner. She says that in many conversations with the founders, they expressed their deep debt to Flexner, and that she thinks it would have been appropriate for the introductory statement of the bibliography also to mention his name.

She adds a postscript, "I should also add that in consequence of the attitude at the present time toward the author, creator, and the first director of the Institute I have changed my will, making my own Alma Mater instead of the Institute for Advanced Study beneficiary, not a large legacy but all that I have saved, amounting by 1955 to over \$100,000."

Oppenheimer to ^{Mrs.}Bailey, April 12, 1955.

A formal statement that the reasons why he did not mention Dr. Flexner were, "are perhaps more obvious to me than to you." We decided not to make this foreword in any way a history of the Institute, but just a brief introduction to the following bibliography and directory. At the same time, we decided that we would try to have a history written by a competent scholar, who could record thoroughly the history, and who could do justice to the men and women who created and shaped the place... It would have been easy for me to refer to him in the foreword, and I regret that I did not. With every good wish,"

D File, Bailey, Esther S. (Mrs.)

1955

8/23
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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

MEMBERS

Publication

MORSE, MARSTON

Biographical

✓ OPENHEIMER, R.

Morse to Oppenheimer, August 23, 1955.

He encloses a copy of a letter from himself to Oppenheimer dated April 5, 1955, in which it was arranged that pages additional to the three allowed a mathematician in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY could be paid for in the following manner: if the man was on contract the cost of the page was to be assessed against the contract. If he was a member of the institute it was charged to the Publication Fund.

On August 23, Morse raises the point which could be done about the same contingency for members whose grants come from outside the Institute, and not from a contract. What should be done about assistance paid from the assistance fund of the Institute? He recommended that the former case members seek aid outside from the source of his

funds, and in the latter the Publication Fund of the Institute should pay.

Oppenheimer to Morse, August 25, 1955.

He agrees basically and says that all the expenses to the Publication funds are to be budgeted to them and not to the stipend or assistantship funds. "With regard to members who are not paid by the Institute, and who are not on a contract, we may not be able to adopt a uniform policy. Fellowships, like the Jewett Fellowship, of the past, which provide some payment to the Institute for the fellows' expenses, clearly oblige us to meet publication costs from these funds. I do not know what the view of the National Science Foundation or the National Research Council would be about grants for publications to fellows. I do not believe that they are likely to make such grants. I would, therefore, propose a uniform general policy that, for all members and assistants where we agree with the wisdom of publication in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, we pay the cost of an extra page from publication funds; and in the case of members who are here on contract, and where the contract so permits, we charge this cost of publication to the contract." He suggests the matter be taken up for approval with the other members of the school.

D File, Morse, Harston

1955

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FOREIGN
SITE (Buildings & Grounds)
FOUNDERS
GENT ORIENTAL LIBRARY
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
GENERAL
REPORTS
FLEXNER, A
STEIN
MAASS, HERBERT
VEBLIN, OSWALD
✓OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT
GOTTMANN, JEAN
LEIDESDORF, SAMUEL, D
ELLIOT, T. S.
TOYNBEE, ARNOLD
LEVY, DAVID M
BIRKHOFF, D
EICKELSER
WEYL, HERMAN

Academic Personnel

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Academic Organization
Corporation
Biographical

(See FLEXNER, A., Biographical - Interview of 10/31)

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GOLDMAN, HETTY

EINSTEIN, A.

OPPENHEIMER, R.

11/16
Biographical

Interview with Professor Hetty Goldman 11/16/55

GOLDMAN, HETTY - Biographical *Filed Interviews*

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

MITCHELL

LEWIS, WILMARTH

FULTON, JOHN

Lewis to Fulton.

Everyone but Mitchell voted for Kennan's appointment. Veblen couldn't vote, but said he would vote no if he could.

Fulton to Lewis.

Veblen did much harm in attempting to represent the faculty views of the faculty on the Kennan appointment.

Fulton's Diary

1955

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GENERAL

Administration

GENERAL

Academic Organisation

VEBLEW, G.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Notes of a conference with Robert Oppenheimer.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

Conference with Robert Oppenheimer, 12/13/55

1956

POLICIES

LIBRARY

TRUSTEE-FACULTY COMMITTEE

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Administration

Facilities

Academic Personnel

Biographical

Draft on the Institute Library.

Filed in Vertical File under "P" for Policies.

Trustee-Faculty Committee

1956

GIFTS

Finance

✓ OPPENHEIMER

Biographical

One of the difficulties of raising money for the Institute has been the absence of a ruling from the Internal Revenue Bureau that gifts to the IAS can be tax-free. Oppenheimer had a conference in Washington recently: ruling that such gifts up to 10 per cent will be tax-free. IAS formally declared an educational institution within statutory meaning.

Interview with Oppenheimer, 13 October 15, 1956

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

ROCKEFELLER

Foundations

TRUSTEES

Corporation

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

RIMPLER, W.

VEBIEN, O.

HERZFELD, B.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

STRAUSS, L.

LEWIS, WILMARTH

FRANKFURTER, F.

WARREN, R.

Interview with Walter W. Stewart, January 30, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

Interview with Professor Stewart, 1/30/56

1956

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

FLENNER, A.

VEBLÉN, O.

RIEFLER, W.

DOUGLAS, LEWIS

OPPENHEIMER, R.

MOE, HENRY ALLEN

AYDELOTTE, F.

Interview with Walter W. Stewart, January 31, 1956.

Filed in Chronological file under Stewart Interviews.

Interview with W. W. Stewart, 1/31/56

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GENERAL

Foundations

GENERAL

Educational Institutions

GOTTMAN, JEAN

Biographical

MELON, PAUL

FLANER, A.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Social conversation with Jean Gottman, February 9, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Gottman Interviews.

Social conversation with Jean Gottman, 2/9/56.

1956

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organisation

STEWART, WALTER W.

Biographical

BIEPLER, WINFIELD W.

WARREN

FLEXNER, A.

✓ OPPENHEIMER, J. R.

EARLE, E. M.

Interview with Professor Stewart, February 16, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Stewart Interviews.

Interview with Professor Stewart, 2/16/56

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DIRECTOR

Administration

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

AYDELOTT, P.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, S.

MAASS, HERBERT H.

Interview with Jane Richardson Napes, February 20, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Napes Interviews.

Interview with Jane Richardson Napes, February 20, 1956

1956

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INSTITUTE HISTORY (ARCHIVES)

Institute History

PERIOD

Institute History

PUBLICATION

Institute History

STYLE

Institute History

GENERAL

Public Relations

✓ OPPENHEIMER

Biographical

Discussion with Dr. Oppenheimer about the history,
February 22, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Institute History.

Discussion with Dr. Oppenheimer, 2/22/56

1956 1956

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GENERAL

Institute History

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

Conference with Dr. Oppenheimer about the History,
March 1, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File in Institute History file.

Conference with Dr. Oppenheimer, 3/1/56

1956

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INSTITUTE HISTORY NOTES

Institute History

✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

Note of a conversation with Dr. Oppenheimer, April 23,
1956.

Filed in Vertical file under Oppenheimer Interviews.

Conversation with Dr. Oppenheimer, April 23, 1956

1956

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DIRECTOR

Administration

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Corporation

FULTON, JOHN

Biographical

✓ OPPENHEIMER ROBERT

WEED, LEWIS H.

VERDEN, G.

AYERLOTT, F.

STRAUSS, LEWIS W.

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

KATHAN, GEORGE

KURTZMAN, ALBERT

Interview with Dr. John Fulton, May 7, 1956

Filed in Vertical file under Fulton Interviews.

1956

5/14

EINSTEIN, A.

Biographical

GARNAP, (MRS.)

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Dr. Oppenheimer regarding Mrs. Garnap's letter on
Einstein, 5/14/56.

Filed in Vertical File under Oppenheimer Interviews.

Talk with H. O.

1956

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEES (NOMINATING)
ECONOMICS
NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS
VINEY
WALTER STEWART
DAMENGER
RIEFLER
FRANKFURTER
FLEXNER
AYDELOTTE
✓OPPENHEIMER
MAASS

Academic Personnel
Academic Activities
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Academic Organization
Biographical

Interview with Walter W. Stewart, May 31, 1956.

Filed in Stewart Interviews in the Vertical File.

Interview with Stewart, 5/31/56

1956

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES
PRINCETON
LIBRARY
FACULTY

VILNER, A.
BODIS, HERBERT
CAPTS
MERITT
FANOSKY, ERWIN
SABLE
GATES
✓OPPENHEIMER
STEWART
FERGUSON
ELIOT
TOWNSEND
BOAZ

Academic Organization

Relations WPAI
Facilities
Academic Personnel
Biographical

Interview with Professor W. J. Gates, Chairman,
Classics Department, Princeton University, June 4, 1956.
Filed in Vertical File under Gates Interviews.

Interview with Gates, 6/4/56

1956

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GENERAL

Academic Organization

ELECTRONIC COMPUTER PROJECT

Academic Activities

FELLOWSHIPS

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APPOINTMENTS

MEMBERS

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

MONTGOMERY, DEAN

Biographical

VEBLEN, O.

LEFSCHETZ

✓ OPPENHEIMER

KENNAN

Interview with Dean Montgomery, June 15, 1956.
Filed in Vertical File under Montgomery Interviews.

1956

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PRINCETON (8, 9, 10)	Relations WOAI
HARVARD (1)	
MATHEMATICS (2, 7, 14)	Academic Activities
E. C. P. (5, 6)	
APPOINTMENTS (2, 3, 4, 5)	Academic Personnel
SALARIES (3)	
FACULTY (10, 11)	
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (5, 9, 14, 15)	Academic Organization
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES (14)	
JOHNS HOPKINS (7, 8)	Educational Institutions
DIRECTOR (10, 11)	Administration
TRUSTEES (11)	Corporation
RESEARCH (13)	Academic Procedures
MORSE (1, 5, 8, 10)	Biographical
BIRKHOFF (1, 4)	VEBLEN (1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 13)
WHITNEY (2)	DODDS (2)
STEWART (2, 3)	WARREN (2, 3)
FLEXNER (3, 7, 8)	VON NEUMANN (3, 5, 6)
GODEL (3, 5)	PLAZCEK (3)
MAYER, WALTHER (3)	WIENER, NORBERT (4, 6)
SIEGEL (5)	WEYL (5, 8)
BIGELOW (5, 6)	EINSTEIN (6, 8, 11, 12, 16)
ELIOT, T. S. (7)	VINER (9, 10)
STRAUSS (10)	AYDELOTTE (10, 11)
EARLE (10)	✓ OPPENHEIMER (15)
BOREL (15)	

Interview with Morse, 6/21/56.

Filed in Vertical File under Morse Interviews.

1956

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DIRECTOR

Administration

POLICIES

COMMITTEES

GIFTS

Finance

GENERAL (TAXES)

Government Relations

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Corporation

TRUSTEES

FACULTY

Academic Personnel

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

REPORTS

Academic Procedures

✓ OPPENHEIMER, J.

Biographical

VEBIEN, O.

STRAUSS

AYD^D BLOTTE, F.

KANTOROWICZ

Interview with Dr. Oppenheimer, July 12, 1956.
Filed Vertical under Oppenheimer Interviews.

1956

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS
PROFESSORS
MEMBERS
FACULTY
PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION
ECONOMICS
HARVARD
GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Academic Organization

Academic Personnel

Academic Activities
Educational Institutions
Facilities
Relations WDAI
Publications
Biographical

GENERAL
✓ OPPENHEIMER

FERGUSON
TOYDSE
ELIOT
PLACEK
KENNAN
LYSON
STEWART
VIER
ALEXANDER

RIEPLER
WARREN
MAYER
GOBEL
EASLE
DOUGLAS
STRAUSS
FRANKL

Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, July 16, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Oppenheimer Interviews.

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STEWART, W. W. (p. 1, 5, 13, 14)
FRANKFURTER (p. 2, 5, 9, 17)
CLAY (p. 4)
RIEFLER (p. 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15)
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✓ OPPEHEIMER (p. 9, 17)
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Relations WPAI
Academic Personnel
Administration
Facilities
Foundations
Biographical

Interview with Mr. Stewart, September 25, 1956.
Filed in Vertical File under Stewart Interviews.

1956

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JOHNS HOPKINS

Educational Institutions

INSTITUTE HISTORY

Institute History

✓ OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

BELLESTON

PLEYER

Brief Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, October 24, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Oppenheimer Interviews.

ECONOMICS (pp. 2, 6, 7)	Academic Activities
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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Relations WOA
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POLICIES (3, 5, 6)	Administration
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (SITE) (6)	Facilities
WOODWARD (7)	Biographical
FLENNER (1, 4, 5, 7)	
FRANKFURTER (1)	
NITZABY (1)	
WARSCHAK (1)	
RIEPLER (1, 2)	
VINER (2, 7)	
RAHLB (2, 3, 6)	
JOHNS, THOMAS (3)	
WARREN (3)	
STEWART (3)	
AYDELOTTE (5)	
✓OPPENHEIMER (6)	
DAILEY (8)	

Interview with Sir Mervyn Woodward, March 13, 1957.
 Filed in Vertical File under Woodward Interviews.

1957

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ALL SOUS (OXFORD) (1, 2, 3)

INSTITUTE HISTORY (1, 3)

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES (1, 4)

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (1, 2, 4)

GENERAL (1, 2)

APPOINTMENTS (2)

WOODWARD (1)

FLINER (1, 2)

FRANKFURTER (1, 2)

✓ OPPENHEIMER (3)

KRINGS (3)

Educational Institutions

Institute History

Academic Organization

Academic Organization

Academic Personnel

Biographical

Interview with Sir Llewellyn Woodward, April 15, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Woodward Interviews.

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DIRECTOR (2)

Administration

GOTTMAN, JEAN (1, 2, 3)

Biographical

FLEXNER (1)

BAILEY (1)

STEWART (2)

VEBLEN (2)

MIVRANY (2, 3)

LEDAY (2, 3)

✓ OPPENHEIMER (2, 3)

EINSTEIN (2, 3)

After dinner conversation with Jean Gottman, April 17, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Gottman Interviews.

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CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Educational Institutions

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY

DE NEGRI, ENRICO

Biographical

WEINBERG, BERNARD

ORSINI, G. W. O.

Notes of a luncheon conversation, January, 8, 1957, with
de Negri and Weinberg.

Filed in Vertical File under Weinberg Interviews.

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BENEFITS (1, 2, 3)

SALARIES (1)

FACULTY (2)

TRUSTEES (2, 3)

DIRECTOR (2, 3)

ECONOMICS (4, 5, 6, 7)

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (4, 5, 6, 7) Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES (5)

WOLMAN (1, 2, 4, 7, 8)

AYDELOTTE (1, 2, 3, 8)

DE TOLMAY (1, 2, 3)

FARNSBY (1, 2, 3)

EARLE (2)

VEDLER (2, 5)

NOE (2)

PLENDER (2, 3, 8)

EINSTEIN (3)

CLAY (7)

VINKER (6)

WARREN (6)

BANDERSON (3, 5)

STEWART (4, 6, 7, 8)

RIEFLER (4, 5, 7)

MAASS (5)

✓ OPPENHEIMER (5)

Academic Personnel

Corporation

Administration

Academic Activities

Academic Organization

Biographical

Interview with Wolman 5/3/57.

Filed in Vertical File under
Wolman Interviews.

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ARCHAEOLOGY (1, 2)

Academic Activities

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES (1)

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (2)

PRINCETON (1, 2, 3)

Relations WPAI

GOLDMAN (1, 2, 3)

Biographical

FLEXNER (1, 2, 3)

ALEXANDER (2)

EINSTEIN (2)

✓OPPENHEIMER (2)

MOREY (2, 3)

Interview with Miss Hetty Goldman, June 7, 1957.

Filed in Vertical file under Goldman Interviews.

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FOUNDERS (1, 4, 5)
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (1)
PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION (2, 3)
APPOINTMENTS (4, 5, 6)
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GENERAL (4)
SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES (4, 6)
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (6)
GOLDMAN (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
AYDELOTTE (1, 3, 4)
HOUGHTON (1)
✓OPPENHEIMER (2)
VIBLAW (3, 6)
MORSE (3)
FLEXNER (4, 5, 6)
THOMPSON (4)
BAMBERGER, LOUIS (5)
BAMBERGER, LAVINIA (5)
MERITT (6)
PANOFKY (6)
DE TOLNAY (6)

Einstein (1, 2, 3, 6)

Interview with Betty Goldman, June 27, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Goldman Interviews.

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Academic Activities
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Biographical

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WGM

MOREY, C. R.

Biographical

PANOFKY, ERWIN

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Panofsky to Oppenheimer, January 5, 1951.

Transmits a request dated January 3 to Panofsky from Franklin Mielke, chairman of a committee to give a testimonial dinner to Professor Morey who after he retired from the Department of Art and Archeology at Princeton became cultural Attaché to the American Embassy at Rome. Mielke asked for a brief message of appreciation from the Institute to be read at the dinner. Panofsky felt that Oppenheimer should write the letter rather than himself, since Oppenheimer represented the Institute as a whole, and says also quite humbly that any letter sent by him would carry little weight, "all the more so as it is to Morey that I owe my own position at the Institute."

Panofsky said he felt Morey deserved this small gesture on the part of the Institute. "He is probably the greatest living art

historian. About twenty-five years ago only three American art historians were internationally known: Morey, Kingsley Porter, and Albert M. Friend. Morey is the oldest of these three; Kingsley Porter is dead; and Friend is a pupil of Morey's. Morey's contribution to the history of art is invaluable both in the realm of detailed research and constructive thought. Apart from this, he is respected and loved as a man of absolute unselfishness and real greatness of character (I don't know whether you have heard that he was responsible for Weitzmann's being called to Princeton although Weitzmann's views on certain fundamental problems differed, and differ, very sharply from his own). His importance as a teacher and 'patron' may be compared with that of Hilbert in mathematics. But more important from our point of view is the fact that he was the most loyal friend of the Institute for Advanced Study even at a time when the feelings of other members of the University were, to say the least, mixed. He has unfalteringly supported our aims from the very beginning and is chiefly responsible for the particularly cordial relations that exist between the art historians connected with the Institute and those connected with the University."

Oppenheimer to Professor Charles Rufus Morey, January 10,
1951 (Ibid.):

"The Institute for advanced Study welcomes this opportunity to send you a message of profound appreciation and of congratulation. We owe you much and we are thankful: for your great contributions to the history of art, for your counsel and your example, which have enriched the intellectual life of this community and which have been to this Institute an unailing source of inspiration. These are debts to a trusted friend which it is an honor and a pleasure for us to acknowledge." Signed Robert Oppenheimer.

Morey responded February 6, 1951, with thanks--gratification that the bit he had to do with the origin and development of the Institute (your great institution) one of the happiest of circumstances in which I used to work at Princeton was the close cooperation between the Institute and the Department of Art and Archaeology."

D. Morey, Charles Rufus - Testimonial

1954

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✓ OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

STRAUSS

MAASS, HERBERT H.

VEBLEN, O.

FULTON

LEWIS, W.

Letter from Fulton to Wilmarth Lewis, August 3, 1954.

Filed in Chronological file under 1954, 8/3.

Fulton File, Wilmarth Lewis