

Memorandum

To Dr. Oppenheimer.....Date Dec. 3, 1947

From Bernetta A. Miller.....Re Nursery School

We have permitted the nursery school to occupy part of an apartment. This has not resulted in much loss of revenue as I have rented out the bedrooms to transient members.

Now however, I shall have to evict them by not later than Dec. 18 to make way for the Fergussons who are coming shortly after Christmas.

I cannot be certain of having ANY place for them except possibly in January.

The Nursery School is in my opinion a real asset, not only for the mothers, but for the fathers. The confusion in a small apartment with children about is considerable as you know and not conducive to study.

May I please know your attitude in this matter.

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To Dr. Oppenheimer Date 11/25/47

From Bernetta A. Miller Re House to purchase

Mrs. Leary and I looked at a house on Westcott Road which is for sale for \$28,000. Occupancy January 1. It cannot be rented.

Westcott Road is a desirable location. Professors Alexander and von Neumann live there.

The house has four nice bedrooms upstairs besides a maid's room downstairs. Three bathrooms. Nice closets, well arranged.

Downstairs there is a most pleasant living room and dining room, kitchen, etc.

Excellent views.

It is heated by coal.

Spacious yard.

Well built house.

In my opinion it is worth consideration; doubtless might be bought for less.

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Though it is better in many respects from our own housing, I certainly do not think it is worth twice as much.

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BUILDERS
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

August 7, 1947

Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Att: Dr. Oppenheimer

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

In accordance with the request of Mrs. Oppenheimer,
we are pleased to submit the following estimates:

Furnish the necessary labor and material to remove parti-
tions in the 3rd floor bedroom, install wood beam to support
present ceiling joists that rest on the partition, and extend
similar oak flooring in the adjoining space, will cost approxi-
mately TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS - - - - - \$215.00

We have not included any painting assuming the mechanics
now working in the house will take care of this part of the work.

To alter present closet in the bedroom adjoining the master
bathroom and install tile lined shower with glass door in the
bathroom, will cost approximately EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE
DOLLARS - - - - - 825.00
This estimate is based upon removing present wall of the closet
that includes the door and erect new partition in its place approxi-
mately 8" closer to the window to provide adequate space for the
shower stall. An opening will be cut into the bathroom and the
walls of the enclosure will be lined with metal lath, cement
plaster and colored tile. A copper safe will be provided at the
floor to prevent leaks and the floor will be lined with small un-
glazed ceramics to prevent slipping. We will build in a recess
soap dish and a ceiling light. The shower head will be a
Speakman self cleaning type and a glass door will be provided
for the opening.

The writer made inquiry concerning the better type of
prefabricated shower stalls with glass doors, but we find these
are not available. The Fiat Company, which is one of the largest
manufacturers of shower stalls, do not expect to put their better
line into production until next year.

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Dr. Oppenheimer
Princeton, N.J.

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While some economy might be affected if a prefabricated stall were available, we believe the shower stall we have suggested will be the best investment for the Institute and provide a good substantial and permanent accessory.

We shall be pleased to take care of this work on the same basis as work performed for the Institute in the past and endeavor to keep the cost as low as is consistent with good materials and workmanship.

Very truly yours,

MATTHEWS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

By

George L. Hoagler

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This work has been ordered direct by Dr. Oppenheimer

This work about done per Mr. W.

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8/25/47*

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