

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 30, 1947

Herbert H. Maass, Esq.
20 Exchange Place
New York 5, New York

(Initialed
copy in
Personal File
of Dr. Oppenheimer)

Dear Mr. Maass:

In order to have it clearly of record I should like to write to you of my understanding, confirmed in our discussions of yesterday, of the terms of my employment. I am sending you an extra copy. If what I write accords with your understanding, will you initial a copy and return it. We shall keep it in the file as an example of official agreements between the Faculty and the Trustees.

1. Appointment: My understanding is that I am appointed Professor of Theoretical Physics in the School of Mathematics and Director of the Institute for Advanced Study, and that this appointment is expected to hold until my sixty-fifth birthday in 1969.

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.

2. My salary has been fixed at \$20,000. a year.

3. It is expected that I will contribute 5% of my salary toward the purchase of an annuity policy with the TIAA and that the Trustees will match this contribution. The Trustees further undertake to make such necessary additional payments as will assure me a pension of \$12,000. per year after retirement, or to provide my wife should I die before her, either during or after my active Directorship, with a pension of \$6,000. per year.

4. The Trustees will allow me the use of Olden Manor during the period of my active Directorship. They will further allow an expense account for expenses incidental to the proper performance of my duties as Director. This expense account is under no circumstances to exceed \$5,200. in any one year.

In writing to you thus explicitly I have in mind only that these undertakings may need to be fulfilled at a time and under circumstances where the present principals may no longer be able to do so, and that for this reason there should be a record.

Your visit here yesterday seemed to me a very fruitful one in many different ways. To the more important of the questions we discussed we shall return in the very near future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer
Robert Oppenheimer
Director

THE TRUSTEES AND FACULTY
OF
THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO MEET
DR. AND MRS. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER
IN THE COMMON ROOM OF FULD HALL
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER NINTH
FROM FOUR-THIRTY TO SIX-THIRTY

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

13 October 1947

Dear Robert:

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 9th. If you detect any inaccuracies please feel free to ~~change~~ them. There are a good many letters which should be written as a result of the last Trustees' meeting. Will you take the responsibility for writing them, or would you like me to do so? X
The letters I have in mind are as follows:

Correct-

done ✓

1. Notice of the stipend funds to be sent to each of the Schools. This can, perhaps, be taken care of at the luncheon today.

done ✓

2. Letter of thanks to Dr. Bush for the grant of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Institution for Lowe's CIA.

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3. Canvass of the Board by Mrs. Leary as to the most convenient place of meeting on December 16th.

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4. Letters of appointment to Cherniss, Pauli, Ukawa, and

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5. Letter to the Princeton Bank and Trust Co. embodying the authorization for you and Mrs. Leary to sign checks and to open the safety deposit box, and revoking that permission in the case of Jane Richardson and myself.

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6. Letter to the members of the committee appointed to survey the requirements of the Institute for space and for a workshop, Leidesdorf, Bamberger, Veblen and yourself.

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In addition I think we should make a written report to Maass and Leidesdorf on the results of our meeting in New York on Tuesday, although we are able to report to them verbally after the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Frank J. Seiler

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

* I think you should write them and hope you will

Just Jan

Oppenheimer
apt as Director

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 9, 1947

Dear Robert:

There are a lot of things on my mind which I should like to unload on to yours as follows:

(1) This question of taxation of the Mineville houses. I have sent you a memorandum on this subject. You can see how it affects the question of allowing a man like Dirac to occupy one of them. Dirac is a border-line case and I don't think we could get away with it if we allowed one of our permanent members of the Faculty to live there. One thing should be added. Following the example of Princeton University, we have made a contribution to the Township of Princeton in lieu of taxes of \$1,000 per year. This is generously more than the University does for the same purpose. It is well to keep this in mind in any negotiations you may have with the Township Committee.

Lawyer
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(2) I take it that you know about a grant from the Carnegie Institution of \$10,000 for Lowe's CLA. The grant was made for a period of three years and I think it would be prudent to collect one-third of it each year.

(3) John Fulton feels that it would be better not to make a report on the Gest Library at the meeting of the Board tomorrow but to wait until December or even until April. I think that is wise. I don't know how enthusiastic you are about Chinese Studies but I certainly feel that they would be no success here unless you are enthusiastic. If, however, you want to do so, I am sure that you can collect large funds for this purpose over and above our present endowment.

Doc

(4) I hope that Kitty will be interested in the landscaping of the Institute properties. I have a proposal for an outdoor memorial to Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld to be called "Founder's Walk" which would be a continuation of the northern axis of the Institute right down to Stony Brook and the Canal. If and when you get round to it, I hope you will consider this seriously.

(5) You will find in the files records of special grants to Herzfeld and Goldman for publications and to Lowe for CLA. I may have in my files over here some material on this subject which I shall be glad to turn over to you.

(6) Sooner or later the Faculty will raise the question with you of a publication fund. The mathematicians and the economists have no need of any such fund since various organizations will finance all their publications. The humanists on the other hand

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costs

October 9, 1947

need money to publish their books. Whether we should establish a publication fund for the benefit of the humanists alone, I have never been able to decide and I am very happy to leave that decision to you.

(7) You know about the arrangement for Meritt's Assistant. This will become more urgent if Dorothy Dauncey decides to go back to Canada.

(8) After October 16th and after I have had an opportunity for a little holiday in Waterford, Connecticut, I intend to make you a comprehensive statement of our pension plans. I am ashamed not to have done this before but you can be sure that every individual on the Faculty understands exactly his own status and consequently the whole matter is less urgent.

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(9) One of these days you will have to face the problem of moving the Treasurer's Office to Princeton. I am all in favor of doing so. I think it would be an economy and I am sure it would be an administrative convenience. I had exactly the same problem at Swarthmore only in that case the Treasurer died at a convenient moment and I was able to move the office out to Swarthmore without any trouble. I certainly hope it will be a long time before Mr. Leidesdorf dies but I think he would live longer if the Treasurer's Office were moved to Princeton.

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(10) There are two items of unfinished business which I think I ought to refer to you. One of them is the preparation and publication of a comprehensive list of members of the Institute since its founding and the other is a bibliography of the scholarly publications of the Faculty and Members.

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(12) Veblen came in to see me this morning to raise a point about Siegel's salary. Siegel went off to Göttingen some time last summer. I recommended that he should have leave on full salary for the first six months of the last academic year. When he decided to remain in Göttingen, I suggested to the Trustees that he should be put on half salary until such time as he should return to the Institute. He has now returned and my proposal is that he should be put on full salary as from October 1st. Veblen thinks he should be on full salary from July 1st. That does not make sense to me but if you think it wise, I am very glad to leave the decision to you. Veblen's point is that nothing is too good for Siegel. My position is that however good Siegel may be we ought to treat him as we would treat any other member of the Faculty.

I have refrained from putting these points up to you hitherto for fear you might resign the Directorship.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Frank Aydelotte

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Office of the Treasurer
125 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

September 8, 1947

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

This letter is to advise you officially of your appointment as Director of The Institute for Advanced Study. Your election was by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees at a meeting held on the 1st day of April, 1947, in accordance with the minute of such meeting, copy of which is annexed hereto.

The term of your appointment is to commence as of October 16, 1947, and to continue until you have reached the age of 65.

By vote of the Trustees you were also appointed Professor of Physics, to serve concurrently as such with your service as Director, this appointment having been made in accordance with your wish to continue in your chosen field.

One cannot formally set forth in detail the duties of the Director, but we have full confidence that, in consultation with the officers, the Trustees and the Faculty, you will successfully guide the policies of the Institute and determine the means to execute them.

The specific terms of the appointment as to compensation and other details are outlined in the accompanying minute of the meeting of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Herbert H. Maass
President

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

HHM:EB
Enc.

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Excerpt from Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees,
April 1, 1947

..., it was moved by Admiral Strauss, seconded by
Mr. Leidesdorf and unanimously carried that Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
be appointed Director of the Institute for Advanced Study to succeed
Dr. Frank Aydelotte on his retirement, with the understanding that his
duties and responsibilities will be the same as those of the present
Director and that he shall receive the same emoluments. It is expected
that Dr. Oppenheimer will come into residence before the retirement of
Dr. Aydelotte and during that period his status will be that of
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Director-elect.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

REQUISITION FOR PAYMENT

Date 9-8-47

Pay to

Address

Approved by (Signature) Amount \$ 23.26

To be charged to General Administration

In payment of (Itemize) Freight charges on
Delivery of 7 packages of books and reprints from
Berkeley, California to Princeton (Dr. Oppenheimer)

To be filled in by accounting department.

Charge Date..... Check No..... Ext. ckd.....

T E L E G R A M

July 26, 1947

Miss Jane S. Richardson
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Find it impossible to come to Princeton Saturday. Will call you Monday morning. If utilities are off in Olden Manor, please have them turned on.

KATHERINE OPPENHEIMER
Washington, D. C.

John A. Johnson & Sons, Inc.

Memorandum

To..... Dr. Aydelotte Date 7/18/47
From..... B. A. Miller Re. Dr. Oppenheimer phone

Mrs. Snyder of the telephone company phoned.

They can do nothing about giving Dr. Oppenheimer a private phone (as you know) until they hear directly from him and the request is reviewed.

They propose to put a four party line ^{on Aug. 1} in PENDING approval ~~SM~~ so that he will have some service.

I explained about the letter you had written to Dr. Oppenheimer, but naturally I could not assure them as to when they would receive HIS answer.

Jane: Dr. A has seen this - Ask me re -

VERBAL MESSAGES don't go; they are apt to be forgotten or misunderstood. PUT IT IN WRITING.

29 May 1947

Dear Robert:

Kenyon College had a quite successful conference last year on the Heritage of the English Speaking World, and they are planning another one for this autumn. They are most eager to have you take part and I have promised to mention the matter to you. It goes somewhat against my conscience because I know how busy you will be in Princeton next fall, but I know and love all these people at Kenyon and if you could see your way to taking part in their conference I think it would be a delightful thing to do. They plan to hold it the last week in September.

It was a great pleasure to have you and Kitty here, and we hope you will make frequent use of the key to our front door.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
University of California
Berkeley, California

DAY LETTER

May 17, 1947

H. H. Maass
Elberon, New Jersey

Telephone: Long Branch 6-0180

Believe we have solved Oppenheimer's problem. Can get comfortably furnished house one-half block from ours, June 15 to September 30 at \$200 per month. Ideal place for them to live while supervising renovation and furnishing of Olden Manor. Have wired details to Oppenheimer. Meanwhile pushing Mrs. Foerster, contractors and painters so as to vacate Olden Manor as soon as possible. Confident, however, that you will understand my reluctance to make Marie give up vacation in Waterford to supervise moving in July although her New England conscience will probably compell her to do it.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Charge to Institute for Advanced Study

May 17, 1947

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Eagle Hill
Berkeley, California

Dear Robert:

My wife showed me your very kind letter, and Mr. Maass stopped by this morning with Mrs. Oppenheimer's letter about the question of our vacating the house by July 15th. I am afraid that the suggestion from the Trustees that you should appear here on the 15th gave you a mistaken impression that it would be possible for us to move out of the house by that time. As a matter of fact, our understanding with the Trustees was that we would occupy the house until the fifteenth of October. This is just a line to say that we will push things as fast as we can to get our house at 38 Battle Road ready for occupancy and move into it so as to leave Olden Manor free for you. I do not believe it is humanly possible to accomplish this by the fifteenth of July, but we shall certainly vacate as soon as we can. We are busy now consulting builders and painters and probably can be prepared to fix a definite date by the time you and your wife come to Princeton May 26th. We are looking forward with keen pleasure to your visit and to the opportunity of meeting your wife. I hope that neither one of you will feel any awkwardness about the question of the house.

Incidentally, I have wondered whether you seriously want to be in Princeton in July or August. The climate is very trying, very few of the people that you would want to see will be here, and practically none of the children who would go to school with yours. It is hot enough here even in September, and in July and August the climate is practically indistinguishable from that of Washington. I feel that it would be wrong to make my wife stay here during the heat to supervise our moving out and I think you would be equally mistaken to ask Mrs. Oppenheimer to spend July and August here to supervise your moving in. We can discuss all this when you come next week.

If, however, you do want to move your family here July 15th, I think that by all odds the best thing for you to do would be to take the house about which Miss Miller telegraphed you at 15 Haslet Avenue. It is near the Institute, is comfortably furnished and would be an excellent place to be while you are supervising the furnishing of our house while we move out. If you want that

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer

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May 17, 1947

house I think you ought to send me a telegram.

We look forward with keen pleasure to seeing you on the 26th and if you will send me a telegram as to when your train reaches Trenton (if you come from Washington), or Princeton Junction (if you come from New York) I should be glad to send my car to meet you. Please specify whether the time of arrival is standard or daylight saving time.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

May 9, 1947

Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer
Department of Physics
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Robert:

It occurred to me this morning to do what I should have done before now, to look over the agreement of sale for the house we are buying at 88 Battle Road to see just when we are entitled to take possession. I am disappointed to find that this date is July 1st not June 1st. Mrs. Foerster, from whom we are buying the house, has, however, kindly consented to let us begin painting the outside woodwork as soon as the weather is settled but we shall not be able to do anything inside the house until after July 1st. My wife and I are now considering some limitation on our plans for alterations so that we can clear out of our present house as soon as possible but it looks to me as if we could hardly do it before September.

Meanwhile Miss Miller is looking around for a furnished house which you might occupy during the time needed to make renovations to Olden Manor. She will keep you constantly informed of any possibilities and will be glad to carry out your wishes.

It was delightful to have you here this weekend. We look forward with great pleasure to having you and your wife May 26th.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Miss Miller

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 3, 1947

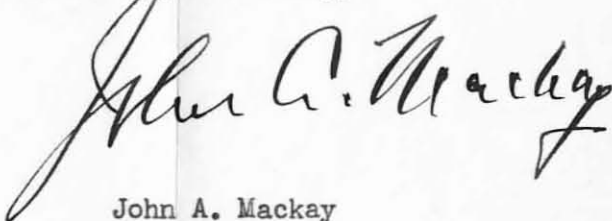
Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Aydelotte:

How deeply I appreciate the invitation to dinner on Monday night to meet your successor! I am distressed to have to tell you that some weeks ago I accepted an invitation to dinner to meet a group at the Princeton Inn. In view of the fact that the date chosen for the dinner depended a great deal upon myself because of the eagerness of the other members of the group to discuss a problem with me, I fear that there is no way in which I can gracefully be excused. Kindly explain to Dr. Oppenheimer and the other friends who may gather how deeply sorry I am that I cannot be with you that evening.

With warm personal regards,

Yours very cordially,



John A. Mackay

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PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

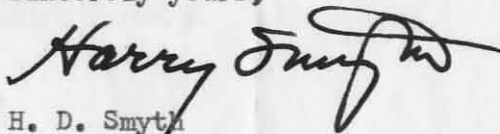
May 3, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I shall be delighted to come to your house on Monday at 7:00 to have dinner with Oppenheimer. I just received your note this morning, but I imagine you will be expecting me and hope that this acceptance will reach you the first thing on Monday.

Sincerely yours,


H. D. Smyth

HDS/pv

May 1, 1947

Elmer Hutchisson, Esq.
Editor, Journal of Applied Physics
Case School of Applied Science
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hutchisson:

I enclose a statement about
Oppenheimer similar to those which
we have given to the newspapers.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Institute for his work in connection with the Rhodes Scholarships,
the Guggenheim Fellowships and the American Friends Service
Committee.

May 1, 1947

T E L E G R A M

Received May 3, 1947

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

Plan to arrive Trenton 3:59, Pennsylvania train 132,
Sunday afternoon. If quite convenient for you should like
to stay until Wednesday morning.

J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

YJS
April 30, 1947

Dear Ten Broeck:

Oppenheimer, who is to succeed me as Director of the Institute, is coming on this weekend to look quietly into the problems and conditions here.

I want to have a men's dinner for him on Monday night, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Olden Manor and should be grateful if you could be present. Since I do not know whether Oppenheimer is bringing evening clothes, I think it better to say that we should not dress.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you,

I am

Yours sincerely,

FA:kr

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Carl Ten Broeck
94 Battle Rd. W.
Princeton, N. J.

other guests at dinner were:

Prof. H. D. Smyth
Dean Hugh S. Taylor
Dean L. P. Ehrenhart
Dean Christian Gauss

Invited and declined:
Pres. Harold W. Dadd
Dr. John A. Mackay

PALMER PHYSICAL LABORATORY
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

25 April 1947

Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer
Department of Physics
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor Oppenheimer:

I have your note to Professor Smyth regarding the possibility of some of your graduate students being registered in the Graduate School here for next year. We shall, of course, be glad to make such arrangements, but there are several questions that I think should be discussed; and I hope therefore that we can find a short while during the meeting of the Physical Society in Washington to do so. I have discussed the matter with Dean Taylor and he also may wish to speak to you about it.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Shenstone
Professor of Physics

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Copy to Dr. Oppenheimer - Washington
Dr. Aydelotte ✓

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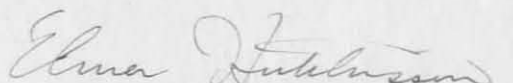
April 25, 1947

Secretary
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

May we please have a release on the appointment
of Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer as Director of the Institute?

Very truly yours,



Elmer Hutchisson
Editor

April 24, 1947

Dear Oppenheimer:

I was delighted to receive your telegram and wired back immediately to say that it would suit us perfectly to have you on May 4th and that I hoped you would stay as long as possible.

It so happens that we have a regular Faculty luncheon scheduled for May 5th and this will be a perfect opportunity for you to make the acquaintance of members of the Faculty in an informal way. It seemed to me that you would probably prefer not to have any kind of large reception at this time, but that you would rather get acquainted with the Institute quietly and informally. I only wish that Mrs. Oppenheimer were coming with you.

I explained in my telegram that if you come from Washington I would send a car to meet you at Trenton and if you come from New York I would send the car to Princeton Junction.

If you have time in New York, I think it would be courteous if you called on the President of our Board of Trustees, Mr. Herbert H. Maass, 20 Exchange Place and our Treasurer, Mr. S. D. Leidesdorf, 125 Park Ave.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you,
I am

Yours sincerely,

FA:kr
Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer
Department of Physics
University of California
Berkeley, California

Frank Aydelotte

D A Y L E T T E R

April 23, 1947

J. Robert Oppenheimer
Eagle Hill
Berkeley, California

Delighted have you Princeton May 4th. Hope you will stay as long as possible. If you come from Washington will send car to meet you Trenton. If from New York, car will meet you Princeton Junction. Please wire me on what train to expect you. Kindest regards.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Charge to Institute for Advanced Study

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INSTITUTION FOR ADVANCE STUDY

MUST COME EAST NEXT WEEK FOR UNITED NATIONS WORK IN NEW YORK AND VISIT TO WASHINGTON. SHOULD LIKE IF THOROUGHLY CONVENIENT TO COME TO PRINCETON SUNDAY MAY 4 AND STAY FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS FOR PRELIMINARY EDUCATION HOPE THIS WILL BE THOUGHLY AGREEABLE TO YOU. WARMEST GREETINGS=

ROBERT OPPENHEIMER. RADIATION LABORATOY UNIV OF CALIF.

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MOST DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND THOUGHTFUL LETTER, SHALL
 CALL YOU AND DISCUSS PLANS AS SOON AS TELEPHONE AVAILABLE.
 COULD YOU LET ME KNOW OF ANY PLANS YOU MAY HAVE FOR MAKING
 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. BEST GREETINGS=
 ROBERT HOPPENHEIMER UNIV OF CALIF.

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 ROBERT OPPENHEIMER UNIV OF CALIF.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

April 21, 1947

Dear Oppenheimer:

Many thanks for your telegram. We heard from Strauss that the announcement on April 17th would be satisfactory to you and it was duly made. The story was very well handled in the leading New York and Philadelphia papers. I will try to get together a collection of clippings to show you the first time you come this way.

Incidentally, how soon is that likely to be? If you have any excuse for going to Washington and could come up to Princeton for a quiet day or two with us in our house to talk things over and have some conversations with members of the Faculty, it would be a great satisfaction to me. We shall always have a guest room ready for you and for Mrs. Oppenheimer as well, if by any chance she could accompany you.

I thought several times of trying to write you a kind of memorandum of Institute policies and problems, but I think it would be much more satisfactory if we could have two or three long personal conversations first. I can then make notes and put down on paper whatever material you think would be useful to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

FA:kr
Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer
Department of Physics
University of California
Berkeley, California

Frank Aydelotte

April 17, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEIDESDORF:

Our new Director, Dr. Oppenheimer, is, of course, a mathematical physicist of great distinction and members of the School of Mathematics are very eager to provide him with some distinguished young scholars with whom to work. I think it would be a graceful thing if the Trustees would vote in addition to the stipends for the School of Mathematics, a fund of \$15,000 for possible stipends in physics.

We have, in addition, a very distinguished list of Humanists coming to the Institute next year and I should be grateful if we could have an addition to the stipend fund in Humanistic Studies of \$5,000.

These amounts are included in the tentative budget which is being submitted today.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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April 17, 1947

Dear Oppenheimer:

I am very glad indeed that you have at last made your peace with the University of California and that the news of your appointment can be published. I hope Bob Sproul doesn't cherish too deep a resentment against me for my part in stealing you away.

I want to repeat the invitation which I sent you a week or two ago to pay us a visit in Princeton at your first opportunity. My wife and I will always have a guest room ready for you and Mrs. Oppenheimer if she is able to accompany you. I think it would be an extremely good thing for you to make the acquaintance of all the members of the Institute Faculty as soon as possible and certainly there is no lovelier time to visit Princeton than just now when the Spring flowers are coming into bloom.

Am I right in thinking that you have to go to Washington once a month? If so, I hope you can pay us a visit the next time you come East.

Yours sincerely,

FA:kr
Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer
University of California
Berkeley, California

Frank Aydelotte

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

Frick Chemical Laboratory

April 15, 1947

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I was delighted to receive your letter of April 12, yesterday afternoon, with its excellent news. I shall write Dr. Oppenheimer as soon as the news is officially announced telling him that I hope Wyman House will continue to be a half-way house between Institute and University to our mutual advantage.

With renewed personal regards,

Hugh S. Taylor

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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104 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

April 15, 1947

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

Dear Aydelotte:

I appreciate your giving me advance information about your successor. I imagine that his work at Los Alamos showed that he had the necessary administrative qualities. He will be a decided addition to the group in mathematics and mathematical physics.

Cordially yours,

L. S. Eisenhart
Executive Officer.

E/N

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
SWARTHMORE, PA.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

15 April 1947

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your note about the appointment of J. Robert Oppenheimer. I knew that the decision was on the point of being made and that the announcement was in the offing, but did not know who your successor was to be. Not knowing Oppenheimer I have no strong reaction to the appointment. As a scientist he has, of course, an international reputation, and I am sure that you and the Trustees have satisfied yourselves that he has the breadth of interest necessary to direct the development of the Institute.

Yours sincerely,



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

Princeton, April 14th 47

Oppenheimer

Dear Frank,

how very kind of you to write me this personal letter about your successor, and I shall forward the news to my brother in my next letter. Even if you yourself think it a good appointment - I feel only sad about it. So will my brother. You know how very fond we both are of you! I myself shall never forget how much you helped in all kinds of difficult situations - always ready to listen even to the smallest troubles. Without you as Director

I certainly shall not feel at home
at the Institute any more. I shall
leave at the 11th of May. The last I heard
from my brother was that he hoped
to get a Plane Reservation to Switzerland
in the middle of May. He was not
quite well when he wrote and I am
waiting rather anxiously to hear from
him again. -

Hoping that we won't have the
threatened General Strike on Friday
and looking forward to see you

Yours very sincerely
Love Bradford

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 14, 1947

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer has not yet been able to see President Sproul and consequently does not wish his appointment at the Institute to be announced until he has formally resigned from the University of California. I must, therefore, ask you to keep the information secret until you see it in the newspapers.

FRANK AYDELOTTE
Director

April 12, 1947

Miss G. Lavinia Bamberger
The Marlborough Apartments
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Miss Bamberger:

I know you will be interested to learn that the Trustees have elected Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer of the University of California and Los Alamos to succeed me as Director. The announcement will be made to the Faculty on April 14th and will be published in the papers on Tuesday, April 15th. I wanted you to know it in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Mrs. Charlotte M. Bradford
10 Bayard Lane
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Lotte:

I know you will be interested to learn that the Trustees have elected Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer of the University of California and Los Alamos to succeed me as Director. It is expected that the announcement will be published in the newspapers on Tuesday, April 15th. I wanted you as a member of the family to hear it before the public announcement was made. I should be grateful if you would keep it strictly confidential until that time. I think it is a good appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Dean L. P. Eisenhart
25 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Eisenhart:

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Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Carnegie Foundation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

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Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Dean Christian Gauss
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Christian:

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Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Dr. Shuichi Kusaka
Physics Department
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Kusaka:

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Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Marquand
Stockton Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Eleanor:

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Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Professor H. D. Smyth
213 Palmer Physical Laboratory
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Smyth:

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Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Dean Hugh S. Taylor
Graduate College
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

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Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Dr. Carl Ten Broeck
94 Battle Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Carl:

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Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Professor Homer Armstrong Thompson
Department of Art and Archaeology
University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada

Dear Professor Thompson:

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Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

April 12, 1947

Dr. Kurt Weitzmann
30 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Weitzmann:

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Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

5 April 1947

Dear Oppenheimer:

I was delighted to get the good news by telephone from Admiral Strauss and hasten to send you a very hearty welcome to the Institute and my warmest good wishes for every possible success and happiness here. We have arranged what we understand to be your desire about the announcement, namely that it should be made to the faculty at luncheon on Monday, April 14th and given to the newspapers that same afternoon for publication on Tuesday morning, April 15th.

Am I right in thinking that you expect to move to Princeton about the middle of July? Is there any chance that you would be able to make us a visit before then? My wife and I would love to have you (and Mrs. Oppenheimer if she can accompany you) as our guests at any time. There is a great deal that I want to tell you about the Institute, but I think it useless to try to do this in a letter. We can get forward much more rapidly in personal conversation. One reassurance I might give you, however, right off and that is that the Institute is in excellent financial condition with a balanced budget and an annual surplus.

With kindest regards and renewed good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
University of California
Berkeley, California

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- ✓ ✓ West

- ✓ ✓ Kusaki
- ✓ ✓ E. L. Morgan
- ✓ ✓ Carl Ten Bruck
- ✓ ✓ Murray
- ✓ ✓ Love
- ✓ ✓ Goldman
- ✓ ✓ A F
- ✓ ✓ Levine's Boutique
- ✓ ✓ Dr. Swann
- ✓ ✓ Thompson

JSR - 1200

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- Rosenfeld
- Horton
- Hartz
- Dauncey
- Sachs

- ✓ ✓ Dates Sweet
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- ✓ ✓ Workman
- ✓ ✓ John Hoson

BAM - 1200

- Wes Dauncey
- Albert Worthington
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J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

Physicist; b. New York, N. Y., April 22, 1904;
s. Julius and Ella (Freedman) O.; A.B., Harvard University,
1925, student Cambridge University, England, 1925-1926;
Ph.D., Göttingen University, Germany, 1927; m. Katherine
Harrison, November 1940; children--Peter, Katherine Tyke.
National Research fellow, 1927-1928; International Education
Board fellow, 1928-1929; Assistant professor, theoretical
physics, California, 1929-1930, Associate professor, 1930-
1935, Professor, 1935--; Associate professor, California
Institute of Technology, 1928-1937, Professor 1937--.
Director, laboratory, Santa Fe, New Mexico, that perfected
the atomic bomb, 1945. Fellow American Academy of Arts and
Sciences, American Physical Society; Member, National
Academy of Sciences, American Philosophical Society.
Quantum mechanics; cosmic rays. Home: Eagle Hill,
Berkeley, California.

November 5, 1946

Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer
Eagle Hill
Berkeley, California

Dear Oppenheimer:

I enclose a letter which I have just received from Walter Lipmann concerning this film on the atomic bomb which indicates that if you and your group were sufficiently insistant something could be done.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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