

ROCKFORD COLLEGE  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

April 8, 1938

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

My dear Dr. Flexner:

I am very sorry to write you that I have had to give up my plan for studying at the Institute next year. I had hoped to obtain a fellowship to finance the year of study, but I have not been able to do this.

I am still very anxious to study at the Institute, and hope that in a year or two I may be able to come.

Sincerely yours,

*Donna Price*

Donna Price

Gilman Apartments B3  
Baltimore, Maryland  
December 15, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Thank you so much for your very kind letter and for sending the bulletin. I am, of course, much pleased to learn that my plan of study is possible. I shall hope to carry it out next year.

Sincerely yours,

*Donna Price*

Donna Price  
Donna Price

December 9, 1937

Dear Miss Price:

I am sorry to have been tardy in answering your letter of November 30, but it was necessary for me to make inquiry of Dean Eisenhart of Princeton University and for him in his turn to consult the Princeton physicists and chemists. They will all be delighted to admit you to their laboratories. The same may be said of our own mathematical group. It is quite probable that Professor Bohr will be with us in Princeton next year. In any event, you will have the opportunity of enjoying whatever facilities either the University or the Institute offers.

I am sending you a bulletin of the Institute for the current year and I shall place your name on the mailing list so that you will receive a new bulletin within the next six months.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Miss Donna Price  
Gilman Apartments B3  
Baltimore, Maryland

AF/MCE

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

December 7, 1937

Dear Professor Veblen:

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Sincerely yours,

*A. J. 1*

Prof. Oswald Veblen  
Fine Hall  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE



December 1, 1937

Dear Eisenhart:

I have just received the enclosed.  
I don't really know how to answer it. After  
you have read it won't you call me by telephone  
and give me a chance to discuss it with you?

Always sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dean Luther P. Eisenhart  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE

Gilman Apartments B3  
Baltimore, Maryland  
November 30, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I should like to inquire about the possibility of my admission to the Institute next year. I was much disappointed to find that mathematics is the only field of the physical sciences which is offered in the Institute as yet. My own interests are in theoretical physical chemistry and hence in chemistry, physics, and mathematics. At Cornell University, I have studied in these fields with Professors Kirkwood, Bethe, and Agnew respectively. I received my doctor's degree from Cornell last June. The thesis work under Dr. Kirkwood was an experimental problem since I was not, at that time, equipped to carry on theoretical research. I still feel that I will be far better qualified for this field if I can spend another year in advanced study, and hence I should like to know if there is a chance of my being admitted to the Institute.

If it is possible administratively, and if I am eligible of course, I should like to be admitted as a member of the Institute with the privilege of taking courses with both the faculty of the Institute and that of Princeton. I should be interested in such chemistry courses as Professor Eyring's "Statistical Mechanics and Chemical Reactions" and Professor Smyth's "Physical Properties and Molecular Structure". In physics, I am particularly interested in such subjects as atomic and nuclear physics and advanced quantum mechanics. In mathematics, I am chiefly interested in the field of analysis and such topics as group theory and the calculus of variations. Of course, I cannot tell from the catalog descriptions alone just what courses I should choose, but my purpose is to study theory in all three fields with the idea of obtaining a background sufficient to enable me to cope with research problems of broad significance. Aside from the courses that are usually offered, I am also interested in any that might be given by visiting lecturers such as those that were presented by Dirac, Pauli, and Bohr.

If you think there is any possibility of my being admitted under such an arrangement next year, I should like to know what information is now available about visiting lecturers, courses offered, etc. I should also like to know the procedure I should follow in requesting admission. Since I plan to apply for a fellowship to finance this year of study, I wish to have my plans completed and ready for presentation as soon as possible. Hence I should appreciate obtaining information about the Institute at an early date.

Very truly yours,

*Donna Price*

Donna Price

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Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Prof. Oswald Veblen  
Fine Hall  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/ECE

May 8, 1936

My dear Vice-Chancellor:

I am delighted that you can lunch with me at the Princeton Inn at one o'clock on Monday next.

I am enclosing a time-table (daylight saving time), which is Princeton time. You will note that there are excellent trains leaving the Pennsylvania Station, New York City, at ten and at eleven a.m. You will need to change cars at Princeton Junction and take the shuttle train for Princeton.

It will be a great pleasure to see you.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

R. E. Priestly, Esq.  
University Club  
1 West 54th Street  
New York City

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May 7, 1936

R. E. Priestly  
University Club  
1 West 54th Street  
New York City

I have learned that you are expecting to be in Princeton Monday. Could you  
lunch with me at the Princeton Inn at one o'clock. If you accept I will ask  
Dean Root and others whom you may wish to see. Dean Root approves of this

Abraham Flexner

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Princeton Institute for Advanced Study

January 17, 1934

The Princeton Alumni Weekly  
Princeton University Press  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send to us with bill  
fourteen copies of the Princeton Alumni Weekly,  
January 12, 1934.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Assistant Secretary



# THE PRINCETON ALUMNI WEEKLY

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DATUS C. SMITH, JR.  
*Editor*

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January 5, 1934

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton  
New Jersey

My dear Dr. Flexner:

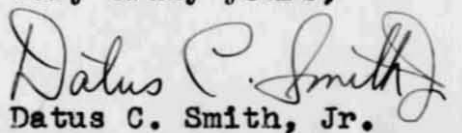
I am very glad to show my respect for the Institute for Advanced Study by giving you the enclosed proofs of an article I shall publish next week, and which Miss Blake has kindly offered to mail to you.

I have rushed this through the shop and the proof room in order to give you time to look the article over, so one or two typographical errors may have to be removed before publication. What I am more anxious for you to look for are any misstatements of fact, or facts misinterpreted which might show the institute in the wrong light. As you may know, I have carried other articles on the institute, but this is more comprehensive than the others and I am anxious to have it both interesting to our readers and satisfactory to you.

Friday, January 12, will be the dateline of the issue in which this article apperas, but I must have corrections not later than Monday noon, January 8, when the forms close.

Please let me know if the Weekly can ever be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

  
Datus C. Smith, Jr.

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December 16, 1933

Abraham Flexner, Esq.  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Fine Hall  
Princeton, N.J.

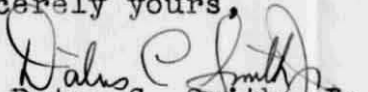
Dear Mr. Flexner:

I had a pleasant talk yesterday morning with Mr. Salkover and in the course of the discussion it occurred to me that it would be interesting to know the colleges and universities from which your workers have come to the Institute. If you have the information available, I wonder if you would be willing to give me a list showing this. I should also like to know the status of the various men in the institutions from which they have come - that is, faculty member, graduate student, etc.

Incidentally, will you let me know if I am correct in believing that your faculty at present consists of the following: Dr. Einstein, Dr. Veblen, Dr. Neumann, Dr. Weyl and Dr. Meyer.

Princeton alumni are greatly interested in the presence of the Institute members on the Princeton campus and I thought they might like to know just who the members are.

Sincerely yours,

  
Datus C. Smith, Jr.

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December 30, 1933

Mr. Datus C. Smith, Jr.  
The Princeton Alumni Weekly  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Smith:

Dr. Flesner has referred to me your letter of the sixteenth for  
reply.

The faculty of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced  
Study is as follows:

| <u>Professors</u>       | <u>Associate</u> | <u>Assistants</u>        |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| James Waddell Alexander |                  | Charles Chapman Torrance |
| Albert Einstein         |                  | John Livesey Vanderslice |
| Oswald Veblen           | Walther Mayer    | Leo Zippin               |
| John von Neumann        |                  |                          |
| Hermann Weyl            |                  |                          |

The workers in the School of Mathematics are as follows: (last university  
position indicated in cases of faculty members on leave; in other cases insti-  
tutions where Ph.D. degree was received are indicated)

- A. Adrian Albert, Assistant Professor, University of Chicago
- Willard E. Bleick, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University
- Leonard H. Blumenthal, Instructor, The Rice Institute, Houston, Texas
- Robert E. Echols, Instructor, College of the City of New York
- Kurt Goedel, Venia legendi, University of Vienna, Austria
- G. A. Hedlund, Associate, Bryn Mawr College
- Ralph Hull, Ph.D., University of Chicago
- Børge C. Jessen, Docent, The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural College, Copenhagen, and Privatdocent, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- D. H. Lehmer, Ph.D., Brown University
- Arnold N. Lowan, Ph.D., Columbia University
- Robert S. Martin, Ph.D., California Institute of Technology

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Princeton Club

69 ALEXANDER STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

November 19, 1936

Dear Flexner:

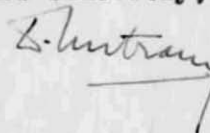
Many thanks for letting me see the letters from President Dodds and Mr. Gulick.

It would be a great help if something could be arranged on the lines suggested by President Dodds, and I know that it is a matter which you have at heart.

As for Mr. Gulick's offer, it is made in the friendliest spirit and occasionally it may be of help to one or the other of us. At present, while thanking you for your kind offer, there is no need of making any application for temporary guest membership, as I already have two similar possible arrangements with other clubs. What I hope may be possible, when you have an opportunity to raise the question with President Dodds or someone else, is that some arrangement for continuous non-resident membership for members of the Institute may be practicable, which would be a good way of promoting that cooperation which you and President Dodds have in mind.

Again with many thanks,

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Abraham Flexner  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, N. J.

November 17, 1936

Dear Mitrany:

I have the enclosed from the President Archibald A. Gulick  
of the Princeton Club, and I am sending you also 120 Broadway, NYC  
a copy of my reply to him. In case you should wish  
to avail yourself of the privileges of the Club at  
any particular time, let me know and I will write  
Mr. Gulick.

I also enclose a letter from President Dodds  
in reference to the use of the infirmary.

Will you please return these letters that  
I may have them at hand in case other inquiries of  
the same nature come in from other Institute members?

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor D. Mitrany  
69 Alexander Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB



November 17, 1936

Dear Mr. Gulick:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of November 4. I should have answered it more promptly but for the fact that I have been out of town.

If I understand the Constitution aright, the members of the Institute are not eligible to membership in the Princeton Club of New York City unless they are also graduates of Princeton University. I am grateful, however, to you for your willingness to put members of the Institute up for a period of two weeks or less, and I shall let you hear from me in case any member of the Institute desires to avail himself of this extremely valuable privilege.

With all good wishes and very deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Archibald A. Gulick  
120 Broadway  
New York City

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*120 Broadway*  
*New York* November 4, 1936.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., in which you state that one of the professors in the Institute for Advanced Study has asked if the professors in the Institute are eligible for non-resident membership in the Princeton Club of New York. The Constitution of the Club contains the following qualification as to members:

"A person is eligible to membership in the Club who has received a degree from Princeton University or the College of New Jersey; or, being of full age at the time of his application for membership, has been a student in any department thereof, or is or has been a trustee, professor or instructor in the University; or a father whose son is or has been a student in the University. No person shall be eligible while an undergraduate student in the University."

I should be very glad personally to propose for membership in the Club such member of the faculty of the Institute as may come within the foregoing qualification.

The rules of the Club also provide that a person neither residing nor having a place of business in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, may, on introduction by a member, have the use of the house for not more than two weeks, but shall



Dr. Abraham Flexner.

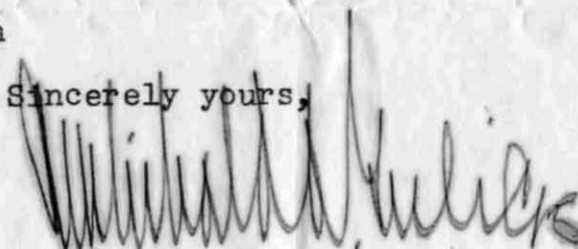
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November 4, 1936

not be introduced under this rule more than once in three months. Said rules also provide that the House Committee by vote may admit persons of distinction to the use of the house for a period not exceeding thirty days continuously. If any member of the faculty of the Institute should desire to have the privileges of the Club extended to him I should be very happy to see that this was done upon receiving a note from you giving the name, address and position on the faculty of such person.

Trusting that we shall have the pleasure of extending the privileges of the Club to such members of the faculty of the Institute who may wish to use the Club, either as members or guests, I remain

Sincerely yours,



AAG:JM

November 2, 1936

Dear Mr. Gulick:

One of the professors in the Institute for Advanced Study has asked me if the professors in the Institute are eligible for non-resident membership in the Princeton Club of New York. The Institute and the University are, as you know, working in the closest possible collaboration, and it would promote social contacts between the two groups if an arrangement of this kind could be made. However, I realize that an arrangement of this kind might create an unfortunate precedent or it may be that your present facilities may be overtaxed. At any rate, please be quite candid with me and do not hesitate to say so in case the suggestion is not feasible.

Sincerely yours,

**ABRAHAM FLEXNER**

Mr. Archibald A. Gulick  
120 Broadway  
New York City

AF/MCE

*Princeton Community Dev. Council*

May 10, 1945

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I feel very strongly the force of ~~that~~ considerations urged in your letter of May eighth and should be very glad to attend such a meeting as you are planning.

At the time the war broke out, I was working with an architect on the problem of some kind of building to be used as housing for members of the Institute who find great difficulty in securing accommodation in Princeton. I think it extremely probable that we shall also need sometime during the next few years to build an addition to Fuld Hall. I realize, however, that we should go slowly in carrying out both these programs so as to avoid undesirable social repercussions in the Princeton community.

While, as I said, I am perfectly willing to attend such a meeting as you propose, I am not sure that consultations by your committee with different organizations individually might not produce a better result.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Sherley W. Morgan, Esq.  
Committee on Public and Private Works  
Princeton Community Development Council  
130 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

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## PRINCETON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

130 NASSAU STREET

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

—  
TELEPHONE 1035

Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton,  
New Jersey

May 8, 1945

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Public and Private Works of the Princeton Community Development Council is concerned about the repercussions of the large volume of building being planned for erection in the Princeton area immediately following the war. If only those major projects which have been publicly announced, go on the market when government restrictions on construction are removed, the amount of labor and materials required for their execution will greatly exceed even the pre-depression capacity of the local building industry.

It is obvious that a boom condition will thus result in which the institutions concerned will be competing with each other for priority on services, and bidding up the cost of construction. The results of many carefully thought out programs may well thus be rendered unsatisfactory. Plans will have to be revised, and smaller or less well-built structures accepted in lieu of those contemplated. There will be general dissatisfaction. The owners who succeed in building will be saddled with barely adequate structures for which they have paid a maximum price.

Social repercussions in our community, if such a boom is allowed to develop, will be equally undesirable. Considerable numbers of building mechanics will be attracted here, will settle down, and then find themselves unemployed when the collapse comes, as it inevitably will. Since most of the building effort will be devoted to larger structures, few new homes will be provided, particularly in the medium - and low - priced classes, where the need is already the greatest. High rents will accompany high wages, labor will be dissatisfied, and strikes will undoubtedly be called, thus further increasing our difficulties.

Our Committee sees no way to avoid the development of such conditions except by the voluntary cooperation of those who will be in the market for new construction after the war. If a priority program could be agreed upon, so as to spread our requirements over three, five, or even ten years, everyone would benefit. While some projects would have to wait, they would end by producing more satisfactory and less expensive structures. We believe that the Princeton Community is forward looking enough to be able to achieve some such voluntary common action in the common good.

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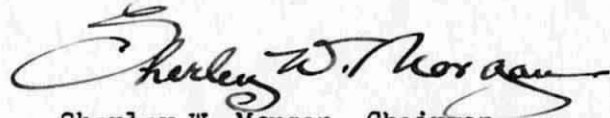
Do you agree? Would you be willing to attend a meeting, at which all prospective building owners would be represented, for the purpose of organizing such a program?

How else might we proceed? If you can suggest a better approach to solving this problem, we will welcome your suggestions. Our Committee offers you its services and cooperation in what we believe to be a potentially acute situation.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

SWM/M



Sherley W. Morgan, Chairman  
Committee on Public and Private Works

Copy to: Heyden Chemical Company  
Institute for Advanced Study ✓  
Princeton Municipal Improvement, Inc.,  
Princeton University  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
R. C. A. Laboratories  
Rockefeller Institute  
Textile Research Institute  
Walker-Gordon  
Westminster Choir College  
Comm. on Public and Private Works

Mr. Watkins called. Said he understood that we had been trying to reach him; that he had been in meetings all day, and would be again today. I told him that a letter had been sent.



*Just Gen Princeton Housing  
Group*

4 October 1962

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Thank you for your good letter of October 3rd. I know a little of the problem which you describe, and would be glad to help in solving it. I should be glad to follow your suggestion of a letter of endorsement to the YWCA, but shall await your advice after you have heard from the others to whom you have written.

I should add that my endorsement is immediate and unqualified; but that if I am to speak for the Institute for Advanced Study I should ask the approval of our trustees. Unless you see reasons against this, I shall talk to them at our meeting next week.

With good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Richard W. Watkins  
7 Glenview Drive  
Princeton, New Jersey



October 3, 1962  
7 Glenview Drive  
Princeton, N.J.

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

As you undoubtedly know, in recent years a number of Negroes and members of other minority groups have been attracted to the Princeton area by job opportunities offered by the many educational and research organizations in this area. The difficult housing problem which exists for many people moving to this area, and particularly for those starting in a profession after many years of schooling, is made much more difficult for Negroes because the market of available housing is so much more restricted for them than for non-Negroes. In fact, in several cases, Negroes who could have made a much needed contribution to the community in public education have decided not to come to Princeton primarily because of the lack of satisfactory housing. There are also, of course, Negroes now living in the Princeton area who would like to purchase or rent better housing than they can presently obtain but are limited in their search almost entirely to a relatively small part of the Borough and Township.

For the last eight or ten years, some residents in the Princeton area have attempted to deal with this problem on an individual basis as the occasion arose. While their efforts have met with some success and have resulted in some broadening of the limits on housing for minority groups, the present situation leaves much to be desired, particularly with respect to rentals. One of the problems is that quite often Negroes can't know how to locate housing that might be available to them because many of the channels that are usually available to non-negro buyers or renters are not open to Negroes. In an effort to help solve this problem, the Board of Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association has made available the facilities of their office to provide a central location for the collection of information on housing that can be purchased or rented on an open basis without regard to race or color. A copy of the resolution adopted by the YWCA Board is enclosed.

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer

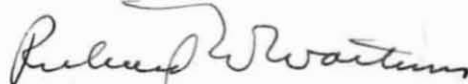
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Whether this action by the YWCA and the volunteer efforts of those who will implement it is successful in dealing with the problem of housing for minority groups in Princeton will depend in large part on the willingness of renters and sellers in the Princeton area to make known the fact that they are willing to rent or sell on an unrestricted basis. It is the belief of those of us who are working on this problem that the public endorsement of the principle of open occupancy without regard to race or color by the Presidents of the University, the Theological Seminary, and the Choir College, and the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study would bring this question to the attention of Princeton residents and would encourage them to make housing available on an open basis.

Thus, the Princeton Housing Group would like to ask that you give serious consideration to such an endorsement in the very near future. There are many means by which such an endorsement could be made. It has been suggested that one very effective way would be a letter to the Directors of the YWCA, endorsing the principle and encouraging them in their efforts.

I am writing letters similar to this to Dr. Goheen, Dr. Bristol, and Dr. McCord.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Watkins  
for the Princeton  
Housing Group

RWW/nh

Enc.: (1)

The following recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of the Princeton Young Women's Christian Association at the June, 1962 Board meeting:

Finding, then, that Public Affairs locally has lagged considerably behind the National Program, your 1962 Committee has chosen some specific areas for immediate action. One of these is discrimination in housing. In recognition of some progress, but fully aware of a continuing need in our community for open housing, we recommend to the Board for its approval the following:

1. The YWCA Board declare its support of the principle of open occupancy housing in Princeton.
2. The YWCA Board commend support and assist efforts of local religious institutions and other groups which are presenting covenants of open occupancy to their congregations or which are otherwise taking an official stand for open housing.
3. The YWCA Board commend and support efforts of local brokers who are showing houses on an open market basis.
4. The YWCA Board affirmed the principles and activities of the Princeton Housing Group as they have helped persons who are discriminated against in the housing market because of race.
5. The YWCA Public Affairs Committee assist the Princeton Housing Group in furthering these principles by offering YW facilities to establish a Clearing House, or active file, of individuals -- buyers, sellers, renters, and covenant signers -- who support the principle of open occupancy housing. The Public Affairs Committee will take initial responsibility in organizing the Clearing House and will enlist volunteers from the YWCA, Princeton Housing Group, and the church covenant signers to handle the added burden of clerical work.

Committee on Public Affairs

Mrs. Oren C. Hopper  
Mrs. Charles Jones  
Mrs. Laurence Houston  
Mrs. David Saunders  
Mrs. Stuart Wallace  
Mrs. Marver Bernstein, non-member advisor  
Mrs. John Criscitiello, ex-officio, Y.W.C.A. President  
Mrs. Howard Waxwood, ex-officio, Y.W.C.A. Executive Director

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Arthur Link, Chairman

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

January 9, 1939

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I enclose herewith check for \$306.65 to reimburse you for the payments you made last spring and summer in settlement of the following bills of the Princeton

Mathematical Notes:

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| Bill of Apr.30/38, Princeton University Press<br>for binding pamphlets -----  | \$ 28.04        |
| Bills " May 31/38, Edwards Brothers, Inc. for<br>Hecke, Dirichlet Series ---- | 85.50           |
| Thomas, Generalized Spaces -  | 90.00           |
| Wintner, Asymptotic Distribu-<br>tions, etc. -----                            | 103.11          |
|   | <u>\$306.65</u> |

I believe this balances our account. Thank you very much for assisting us.

Sincerely,

PRINCETON MATHEMATICAL NOTES

By *John D. Lane*

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey  
Institute for Advanced Study  
P.O. Box 631  
Princeton, N.J.

January 18, 1939

Dear Miss Blake:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 9, 1939, enclosing check for \$306.65 to reimburse the Institute for Advanced Study for payments made last spring and summer in settlement of the following bills:

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| April 30, 1938             |                 |
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| May 31, 1938               |                 |
| Edwards Brothers, Inc.     | <u>278.61</u>   |
|                            | <u>\$306.65</u> |

Sincerely yours,

Miss Gwen Blake  
Fine Hall  
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Mr. Murray, the postmaster at Princeton, called about the possibility of securing a strip of land about 150 feet, for a helicopter landing strip, from the Institute. A helicopter would pick up and deliver mail twice a day, once in the morning and again in the afternoon. Mr. Glenn Eastburn, a representative of the New York Airways, is going to be in Princeton on Thursday, and Mr. Murray would like to be able to tell him something then. The piece of land would be fenced in. They would like such service to begin on June 8. Mr. Murray will call you about 2 or 2:30 this afternoon.

*Dr. Oppenheimer saw these  
gentlemen - 5/21/53*



*Princeton United Monthly Meeting*

FOUR GREEN AVENUE  
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November 19, 1951

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer  
Institute For Advanced Study  
Olden Lane  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

On behalf of Burlington Quarterly Meeting Of Friends I wish to express to you our appreciation for the courtesy extended to us in allowing the Meeting to use the lounge and cafeteria for our Meeting on November 17th 1951.

Sincerely yours,

*John R. Satterthwaite II*

John R. Satterthwaite, II  
Clerk, Burlington Quarterly Meeting

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PRINCETON UNITED MONTHLY MEETING PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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Mr. Robert Appeneimer -  
Institute For Advanced Study -  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Appeneimer -  
The Princeton United Monthly Meeting  
of Friends wishes to thank you for your  
generosity in allowing us to hold our  
Quarterly Meeting at the Institute.

We appreciate being able to entertain  
a group of Friends from Trenton and  
South Jersey who attend this Meeting  
and who thoroughly enjoy meeting for  
worship and business in such a  
beautiful place. The facilities of  
the lunch room are so excellent, with  
so friendly and capable a young  
woman in charge.

Again we thank you for the privilege  
of holding our Meeting here.

On behalf of Princeton U. M. Meeting  
Very sincerely,  
Mary M. Barton (Clerk)  
Lawrenceville  
N. J.

Princeton Meeting

PRINCETON UNITED MONTHLY MEETING PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dec. 7. 1949.

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:- The Clerk of the Princeton Meeting feels very humble and apologetic to have overlooked for so long a request of the Meeting to express to you our hearty thanks for the use of the Institute Lounge and dining hall on November 19th, when we had our quarterly meeting there.

We were made so comfortable and welcome that each one felt real gratitude for the excellent facilities.

On behalf of the Princeton Friends, I am  
Sincerely yours  
Rachel J. Thom  
Clerk

Copy to Prof. Morse

March 25, 1938

Mr. G. A. Mills  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Mills:

At the request of Professor Marston Morse  
of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for  
Advanced Study I am sending you herewith the Insti-  
tute's check for \$300.00, a contribution towards  
the Princeton Series (publication fund).

No. 1447  
Mar. 22, 1938

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY  
Secretary

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Pringsheim

# The Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars

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August 20, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 17. The Committee has been glad to vote through its subcommittee on application, consulted by mail, a grant of \$1,000 for Dr. Peter Fringsheim to the University of California.

I know the members will be interested in your letter of recommendation when the application comes up for confirmation of mail vote at the next meeting of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,



Ruth O'Donnell  
Secretary to Miss Drury

ROD:E

Pringsheim

August 17, 1940

Dear Miss O'Donnell:

I am delighted that the application has come through from the University of California for aid for Professor Peter Pringsheim. Professor Einstein of the Institute and Professor Shenstone of Princeton University have both told me a great deal about him and both testify to the fact that he is a physicist of very high rank.

The facts about Professor Pringsheim are as follows: He was born March 19, 1881 at Munich. One of his parents was Jewish, but not the other. His sister is Mrs. Thomas Mann and his father was Alfred Pringsheim, a famous professor of mathematics in the University of Munich.

Professor Pringsheim received his training in physics in Germany, was a member of Professor Einstein's Institute in the University of Berlin, and served from 1933 to 1940 as professor of physics in the University of Brussels. He is married to a Belgian woman, who is not a Jewess.

Professor Pringsheim is now in a French concentration camp and can be reached at the following address: Camp d'internes (Ilot 1, Baraque 14), St. Syriens, Pyrenes Orientales, France. I have assurance that if he receives an invitation from an American university arrangements can be made for his release from the concentration camp.

I am sure that the Emergency Committee, in assisting the University of California to find the funds for this invitation, will add one more very distinguished man to its list. I could get warm letters of recommendation from Professor Einstein and Professor Shenstone, as well as from James Franck, if they were needed. Please let me know if you want them. Since the matter is urgent, however, I hope that action can be taken immediately.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Miss Ruth O'Donnell  
Emergency Committee in Aid of  
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RUTH ODONNELL SECRETARY TO MISS DRURY

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July 19, 1940

*Pringsheim*

Mrs. Thomas Mann  
441 N. Rockingham  
Los Angeles (Brentwood)  
California

Dear Mrs. Mann:

I am sorry to say that we cannot offer Professor Pringsheim a post in the Institute for Advanced Study, but we hope that there is a possibility for him in Chicago. This seems the best chance for him at the moment.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Aydelotte  
Director

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Thomas Mann  
441 N. Rockingham  
Los Angeles (Brentwood)  
California

Professeur \_\_\_\_\_

~~Dr~~ Peter Pringsheim  
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July 17, 1940

Professor Weyl said that Professor Shenstone would write or wire to Chicago about the situation and in particular see whether they would extend an invitation to Pringsheim in case the money were forthcoming from a private source. Shenstone will communicate with the Emergency Committee again and then telephone Dr. Aydelotte.

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Until now we had cold and nasty weather but today was a lovely day and Professor Einstein was out with his sail-boat twice. I hope it keeps on.

Would you be good enough to give Professor Lowe the enclosed letter? Because of the remark "c/o Einstein" it was forwarded automatically to Saranac Lake. Prof. Lowe lives at Prof. Einstein's house but I suppose he comes to the Institute every day. Thank you.

Hoping to see you during your vacation, I am

cordially,

*Helen Dukas*

Knollwood  
Saranac Lake N.Y.  
July 6th, 1940

Dear Miss Blake:

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*Helen Dukas*

July 4, 1940

(Prof. Franck)

Dear Miss Dukas:

Re Professor Pringsheim

Professor James Franck has suggested to Professor Shenstone that he thinks he might be able to get Professor Mullikan to offer Professor Pringsheim a place in his laboratory for a year, if it is true that funds might be made available to a university to invite Professor Pringsheim and that in that case the university need not commit itself to making a position for him after the end of the year.

Professor Veblen writes regarding this matter that it was his understanding that Professor Einstein would write to Mr. Bernard Flexner, and he thought also to Mr. Wilbur K. Thomas, Director of the Oberlaender Trust, 225 South 15th Street, Philadelphia; and he suggests finding out now what replies Professor Einstein received. Could you write me what Mr. Flexner and Mr. Thomas said, and if possible send me the replies from which I could make copies?

I hope you are not frozen at Saranac, for it's still delightfully cold here. And I hope you are all going to have a thoroughly good summer there.

Sincerely yours,



Miss Helene Dukas  
Care Professor Albert Einstein  
Knollwood  
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

July 4, 1940

Dear Professor Shenstone:

With Mrs. Bailey's approval I send you the following quotation from a letter of July 2 from Professor Veblen just received for Dr. Aydelotte, who is in Swarthmore. After reviewing the history of the efforts for Professor Fringsheim, Professor Veblen says:

"I think that the next step should be for Franck and Mulliken to get a request to the Emergency Committee [in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars, 2 West 45th Street, New York City] from the University of Chicago on whatever terms they can. It might help if you or Shenstone would write this explicitly to Franck."

As Dr. Aydelotte may not be here this week to handle this himself, we think you may wish to write to Professor Franck the letter suggested. We return your letter of June 19 from him, having taken the liberty of keeping a copy.

Yours sincerely,

R.B.

Professor A.G. Shenstone    Secretary, School of Mathematics  
111 Mercer Street  
Princeton

PRINGSHEIM

C O P Y

Brooklin, Maine, 2 July 1940

Dear Frank:

It was Einstein who first spoke to me about Peter Pringsheim, who is, as you doubtless know, a brother of Mrs. Thomas Mann, and who had left Germany some years ago to become a professor in Belgium. The first problem was to find out what had become of him. We all agreed that a mere inquiry might only do him harm, whereas an invitation to an academic post in this country might first establish his whereabouts and then help him to get away. Both Einstein and Shenstone testified that he is a physicist of high rank. Shenstone works in a related field.

I talked the case over briefly with Mr. Bernard Flexner from whom I got the impression that the Emergency committee quite possibly might give a share of a modest stipend if a University could be found to ask them for it -- even without future commitments. B.F. also suggested that the Oberlaender Trust might well share the expense with the Emergency Comm. Einstein suggested \$2000 as the amount and agreed to write to B.Flexner and also, I think, to Wilbur K. Thomas, director of the O.T. Shenstone undertook to try to get an invitation from Princeton Univ. This is where the matter stood when I left Princeton.

I think that the next step should be for Franck and Mulliken to get a request to the Emergency Committee from the Univ. of Chicago on whatever terms they can. It might help if you or Shenstone would write this explicitly to Franck. Also it might be well to get from Einstein what replies he had to his letters. Perhaps Miss Blake has this information already. She has all my material, which is very little because most if not all of my communications were by word of mouth. Miss Blake keeps a refugee file for Weyl and me.

After an invitation has been secured from the Univ. of Chicago, and if the Emergency Comm.-Oberlaender Trust application should fail, it might be worth trying the Rockefeller Foundation. Weaver certainly knows about Pringsheim.

If you can find time, and are free to do so, I wish you would let me know the present policy of the Rockefeller Foundation regarding refugee scholars.

As ever,

OSWALD VEBLEN

*See attached  
letters to  
Shenstone  
& Miss  
Blake*

BROOKLIN  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MAINE

2 July 1940

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As ever  
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June 27, 1940

Dear Oswald:

I enclose a letter from Shenstone and one from Franck about Pringsheim. Have you had any correspondence about the case, and where did you have it in mind to apply for funds? I assume to the Emergency Committee, but I am not clear. I wish very much you would either follow up the case yourself or send me full directions so that I can do so. I shall be on the job here or in Swarthmore throughout July and can easily write the letters in accordance with your suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Oswald Veblen  
Brooklin, Hancock County  
Maine

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June 27, 1940

Dear Professor Shenstone:

I am delighted at this prospect for Pringsheim. I am consulting Veblen to see what can be done about funds.

Yours very truly,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor A. G. Shenstone  
Palmer Physical Laboratory  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

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PALMER PHYSICAL LABORATORY  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

June 25, 1940

President Frank Aydelotte  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear President Aydelotte:

I have received the attached letter from Professor James Franck of Chicago. It indicates the possibility of an appointment for Professor Pringsheim in Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,



A. G. Shenstone

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
Department of Chemistry  
June 19, 1940

Dr. A. G. Shenstone  
Palmer Physical Laboratory  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Shenstone:

Thank you so much for your kind letter in behalf of my friend Pringsheim. Do I understand right that Professor Veblen thinks that funds could be made available but that it would be difficult to find a University which offers Pringsheim a position? In that case, I think it would be not impossible that my colleague Mulliken could be interested in offering him a place in his laboratory for one year, and in that case it may be possible to induce our University to try to get him in on a non quota visa. But of course I do not know whether or not these hopes can be realized.

If funds are available, and the University does not have to take over any responsibility for the future of the man, then the situation seems to be not entirely hopeless. Will you therefore be so kind to write me how the situation stands, and I would like also to hear whether in case one could find a place for Pringsheim it would be advisable to try to get in touch with him through the American Legation? So far as I know, the American ambassador is still in Brussels, or at least a substitute for him. But such a thing I would not like to try before I hear whether other people may think it is dangerous for Pringsheim.

Let me not write about the war. I am really entirely depressed and upset, especially since it seems that people never learn from the fate of other peoples. And so it is also with Americans.

With best regards and many thanks for your kind letter,

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES FRANCK



PALMER PHYSICAL LABORATORY  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

June 11th, 1940.

Dear President Aydelotte,

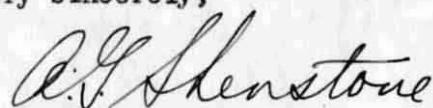
This morning I promised to send you all of the information I have regarding Professor Peter Pringsheim. I am enclosing copies of a memorandum and letter, which explain the situation fully. The memorandum from Professor Veblen to myself describes the state of the enquiries regarding funds. I can add that Professor Einstein has already written to the Oberlaender Trust. My letter to President Dodds records the action of the Department of Physics here and other relevant comments on the situation.

In my letter to President Dodds there is a statement that a certain individual would be willing to give the necessary funds, if they are not found elsewhere. I am afraid that this offer may not be available for an appointment outside Princeton University. I am sure, however, that in spite of the enormous demands made on him by both relatives and friends who are in need, Dr. Thomas Mann would not let any insufficiency of funds stand in the way.

As I told you this morning, in a letter dated June 8th Dean Robert K. Root informed me that President Dodds and he agree that such an appointment as the Department of Physics urged cannot be made because it is contrary to the policy of Princeton University.

If at any time you wish to discuss this matter further with me, I shall be very glad to put myself at your disposal either in Swarthmore or in Princeton. In any case let me thank you for your sympathetic interest in Professor Pringsheim's situation.

Yours very sincerely,



A.G. Shenstone.

President Frank Aydelotte,  
Swarthmore College,  
Swarthmore, Pa.

C o p y.

June 4, 1940

MEMORANDUM

TO: A.G. Shenstone  
FROM: O. Veblen  
CONCERNING: Peter Pringsheim

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Yesterday I talked with Miss Drury, the assistant secretary of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars, Two West Forty-fifth Street. I gave her the salient facts about Pringsheim; namely, that he is 59 years old, speaks good English, was interned in Australia during the last war, has worked at the Cavendish Laboratory as a student, that he is a brother of Mrs. Thomas Mann, that he has been a Professor at Brussels, that his wife is a Belgian and an Aryan, that nobody knows where he is now.

I then called on Mr. Bernard Flexner at his office, 570 Lexington Avenue near Fifty-first Street. Mr. Flexner is perhaps the most important member of the Emergency Committee. He explained that the Emergency Committee does not have much money available at the present time, but stated that he himself would be interested in an application on behalf of Professor Pringsheim. He could not speak for the Committee, but I got a distinct feeling of encouragement from what he said. He suggested the possibility that the Emergency Committee and the Oberlaender Trust of Philadelphia might share the expense of this case. (The director of the Oberlaender Trust is Wilbur K. Thomas.) I told Mr. Flexner that Professor Einstein would be glad to write him a letter about Professor Pringsheim, and this morning I confirmed this with Einstein.

At another place in New York I picked up the information that Professor Mulliken of the University of Chicago, who is a band spectroscopist, is also interested in Professor Pringsheim.

It is a prerequisite to any action by the Emergency Committee that a university should apply to them for the funds. They give their money to universities for the support of individuals. In the past the Committee has required that the university should make some commitment for the future support of the person in question. They recognize now, however, that practically no American university is able to make such commitments. It is, therefore, necessary for them to accept simply the evidence that there is an interest in the future of these refugees.

Einstein's suggestion was that we apply to the Emergency Committee and the Oberlaender Trust for \$1,000 each.

Professor Veblen:  
Summer address: Brooklin, Hancock County, Maine.

PALMER PHYSICAL LABORATORY  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

June 7, 1940.

My dear President Dodds,

The very well known German physicist, Peter Pringsheim, has had a post as Professor of Physics at the University of Brussels since 1933. Since the invasion of Belgium no word has been received from him, and no one wishes to risk making any enquiries for fear of injuring him. If, however, a post could be found for Professor Pringsheim, an invitation could be sent with less chance of harm being done.

Professor James Franck, of the University of Chicago, Professor Albert Einstein and Professor Oswald Veblen have been looking into the possibilities of obtaining funds from outside sources in case some institution would offer Professor Pringsheim an appointment. I am told by Professor Veblen that it is very probable that such funds can be found. I have also assurance from a friend that, if the other sources fail, he will himself contribute the necessary funds.

The Department of Physics believes that Professor Pringsheim would be an important addition to its staff and has unanimously requested me to urge that Princeton University offer him an appointment as lecturer in physics with the distinct understanding that his remuneration shall in no part fall on the University. To satisfy the U.S. Immigration regulations the offer, if made, should be for a period of two years.

Professor Pringsheim is 59 years old. He is the son of a famous mathematician, and is the brother of Mrs. Thomas Mann. He speaks English fluently, having been a student at Cambridge University and having spent the four years of the last war interned in Australia. He is the author of several books. I am told by Professor Einstein, who was his colleague in Berlin before the Nazi regime, that Professor Pringsheim was of the greatest value in his institute as a constructive critic and as the instigator of many important investigations. In addition, everyone who knows him agrees that he has an exceptionally agreeable personality.

It is of great importance that anything that can be done should be done very soon. The chance that Professor Pringsheim is still free and that he would be allowed to leave Belgium is very small indeed, but we feel that an attempt to bring him to the United States should be made at the earliest opportunity. There have been reports that all Germans who left Germany at the commencement of or during the Nazi regime and refused to return to Germany are now being deported to Poland when found in the German occupied areas. Should this be true, it is possible that an offer from an American University would prevent such action in Professor Pringsheim's case.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) A.G. Shenstone.

A.G. Shenstone  
Acting Chairman  
Department of Physics.

President H.W. Dodds,  
Nassau Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Peter Pringsheim

Born March 19, 1881, at Munich

Professor of Physics, University of Brussels,  
1933 to May, 1940, when the Germans  
marched into Belgium

Previously Professor of Physics, University of  
Berlin, in Professor Einstein's Institute

Has written several books

One of his parents was Jewish. He is married to  
a Belgian woman - not Jewish.

His father was Alfred Pringsheim, many years  
Professor of Mathematics, University of Munich

Brother of Mrs. Thomas Mann

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France

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

March 16, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

Mr. G. A. Mills, bursar of Princeton University, has agreed to care for the Princeton Series fund in the same way in which he cares for the fund for the Annals of Mathematics. Will you therefore send him \$300, the Institute's contribution to this fund for this year, marking it for the Princeton Series? We shall need to draw upon this fund as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse*  
Marston Morse

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey  
P.O. Box 631  
Princeton, N.J.



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25 August 1955

Dear Marston:

Thank you for your two letters of August 23rd. With regard to your proposal for the National Science Foundation contract I am in essential agreement with it; we shall adopt it if the other members of the School concur. We should probably divide the overhead evenly for the two years, and do the same with the secretarial assistance.

With regard to your second letter, on the subvention for the cost of a further page in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, I agree that we should treat assistants as we do members; however, we should budget all these expenses to publication funds and not to 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.

I will assume that in submitting a paper for publication in the PROCEEDINGS the professor will consider the excellence of the work, and the propriety of such publication. We should guard against abuse and very high expenses by this. Members of the Institute who are already members of the Academy have a right to their folly at our expense.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Marston Morse  
Institute for Advanced Study

CC: Mr. Morgan



THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

August 23, 1955

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer  
Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Robert:

The question of paying something to the PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES for pages in addition to the allowed three pages was settled for members last April in accordance with the enclosed copy of a letter which you approved at that time. A similar question has arisen with regard to two other categories concerning which there is still some ambiguity.

What should be done about: (1) Members whose grants come from outside the Institute, not from a contract? I recommend that such a member seek aid from the source of his funds. (2) Assistants paid from the Assistants Fund of the Institute? I recommend that these be accorded the same treatment as members whose grants come from the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

*Marston Morse*  
Marston Morse

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Enclosure

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 5, 1955

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer  
Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Robert:

Caroline has asked me about the payment of the cost of a page in addition to the allowed three pages for the publication of a paper in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY by a mathematician. I told her of our conversation, which, as I remember, is as follows:

The Institute will be willing to pay the cost of at least one additional page per man per year on an article published in the PROCEEDINGS. In the case the man's salary comes from a contract, this will be charged to his contract. In the case the man receives a grant from the Institute, this amount will be charged to the Publication Fund.

Will you please let Caroline know whether or not this is a correct statement upon the basis of which she can inform mathematicians who make inquiries concerning this problem.

Cordially yours,

Marston Morse

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Answer was: "For members, yes.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

August 23, 1955

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer  
Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Robert:

I have just received from Dr. Raymond J. Seeger, Director of the Physical Sciences Division of the National Science Foundation, the statement as to the contract they are prepared to make with us for the next two years. The total amount is \$33,000. This has been broken down by the National Science Foundation as follows:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Grants to three mathematicians for full-time research | \$27,000 |
| Secretarial assistance                                | 1,000    |
| Travel  | 700      |
| Overhead  | 4,300    |

The amounts we had in mind for Kodaira, Boone and Reiner, respectively, and which we had discussed with them were \$4,000, \$5,000 and \$5,500. Half of the \$33,000 (or \$16,500) could be budgeted this year as follows: \$14,600 for grants and the remainder as \$2,000 overhead. For the next year the \$16,500 could be budgeted in the most practical way in correspondence with the needs of the year. Seeger says that we are quite free to make such breakdown in the budget as we find necessary. The second year it would have to include a grant for Kodaira, full-time for one term, and grants for two full-time research mathematicians for the academic year.

I recommend that the above be done.

Sincerely yours,

  
Marston Morse

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CC: A. Beurling; K. Gödel;  
D. Montgomery; H. Whitney;  
M. C. Morgan, Jr.

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Rob. Oppenheimer Dir.  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Gentlemen:-

On October 8th, we wrote you regarding the possible purchase of any Real Estate your school has acquired on a sale-lease-back basis.

With the elimination of the tax-exemption on income you receive from such properties, it might be to your advantage to sell now while prices are up and invest in other securities.

We have one or two substantial investors with large funds available for the purchase of such properties.

We will be glad to analyze your holdings and advise you as to what we can obtain for same without any obligation on your part.

May we please hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Russell Page  
Vice President

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June 12, 1946

Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
42 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The Institute for Advanced Study has recently purchased some land from Mr. Maxwell containing three houses which lie behind Mr. Maxwell's big house on Mercer Street. Electric wires to these three houses at present run across Mr. Maxwell's property. As a part of the bargain we have undertaken to remove these wires and to make the electrical connection from our own grounds. It seems to me that this could best be done from a place near Professor Meritt's house near the end of Battle Road. We shall not attempt to put the wires underground but will be content to run them on poles. Can the Public Service Company undertake to establish this new connection and remove the wires and poles from the Maxwell property? If you will send a representative to the Institute to see me or Miss Miller, we can readily show you exactly what it is that needs to be done. I estimate that the new line will be about 300 yards long, possibly less.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte  
Director

Copy to Miss Miller

*Pukli, Giuseppe*

November 5, 1951

Dear Mr. Pukli:

Your recent letter, which I am returning to you herewith, has come to this office for attention. It was opened in error because the man to whom you addressed it was unknown to us; but we do have a member at the Institute by the name of Leo Sario, which is similar. I regret this error; and hope you will be able to locate the individual concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Russell,  
Secretary to the Director

Mr. Giuseppe Pukli  
via Borea, 41  
San Remo, Italy



*Purchase Orders*

# Memorandum

To Miss L. Trinterud, Comptroller Date 3/4/48

From William Bradley, Superintendent Re Purchase orders

To maintain an overall control for the procurement of office equipment, supplies and material it is requested that approval for such purchases be obtained from this office prior to any commitments for new material. Requisition forms are now available in the Superintendent's office.

*W. F. Bradley*  
William Bradley

c.c. Mrs. Leary ✓  
c.c. Mrs. Russell

# PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

UNITED STATES SECTION OF THE NEW EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Frederick L. Reeder, Executive Secretary

Ralph Connor, Assistant Secretary

October 15, 1934.

*Progressive etc*

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

My dear Dr. Flexner:

You are acquainted with the efforts of the Progressive Education Association to disseminate information about the experimental programs of frontier schools and to challenge educators to study fundamental problems in education. For a number of years the meetings of the Association in New York City have been the most important educational gatherings in that area.

The members of the Association are tremendously interested in world peace and in developing a better understanding of other nations through the activities of educators both within and without the classroom. At the New York Regional Conference this fall there will be several discussions of education for international and interracial understanding. To provide a greater challenge to our movement and to stimulate greater interest in this problem, we have invited Dr. Albert Einstein of your faculty to be present at the dinner meeting on Friday evening, November 23rd, and to speak on the topic, "Educators and World Peace". I can think of no other person in America at present who could so forcefully present this subject. We have invited Ambassador Troyanovsky and President Conant of Harvard University to speak on the same program. Ambassador Troyanovsky has accepted our invitation and we expect to hear from President Conant within a few days.

I know that Dr. Einstein is not acquainted with the Association and the group of educators that compose its membership. I hope, therefore, that you will be good enough to discuss the matter with him and urge him to be present at our meeting if it is at all possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Frederick L. Reeder*  
Executive Secretary.

r/g

October 16, 1934

Dear Mr. Redefer:

I have your kind letter of October 15.

I regret to say that I have had to make it an inflexible rule not to bring Professor Einstein's attention to invitations of this character, for I have been overwhelmed with them.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Frederick L. Redefer  
Progressive Education Association  
716 Jackson Place  
Washington, D. C.

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# THE CO-OPERATIVE ENGINEER

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UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Nov. 9, 1933.

Miss Esther S. Bailey, secretary  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Miss Bailey:

I would like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and the two bulletins and thank you for them. The article in the New York Times will also help me considerably.

The article will be printed in the January issue of the Co-Operative Engineer. If anything you think I could use comes up between now and January or if a new bulletin is printed I would gratefully appreciate your having them sent to me.

As soon as the issue comes out I will have several copies sent to you in gratitude for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Clifford Pruefer*

Clifford Pruefer  
Assistant Editor.

November 13, 1933

Mr. Clifford Pruefer  
The Co-operative Engineer  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Pruefer:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the ninth. Bulletin No. 3 will not be issued for several months.

The only additional item that I can furnish is that Professor Hermann Weyl of the University of Göttingen has accepted a professorship in the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study to begin December 1, 1933.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Assistant Secretary

October 12, 1933

Mr. Clifford Pruefer  
The Co-operative Engineer  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Pruefer:

Dr. Flexner has asked me to thank you for your letter of the tenth and to send you Bulletins 1 and 2 of the Institute, which give an account of the organization and purpose of the Institute and the School of Mathematics, which started its work on October 2. There is nothing to add to these general statements, although you may be interested in reading the article in the Sunday New York Times of October 1, 1933.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY  
Assistant Secretary



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October 10, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Flexner:

In writing this letter I would like to recall to your attention a letter I wrote you last August. I would like to summarize this letter, briefly.

I have been assigned by the CO-OPERATIVE ENGINEER, publication of the engineering college of the University of Cincinnati to write an article on the Institute for Advanced Study. I must rely wholly on your kindness to furnish me with the material I shall require. You may refer to the other letter, if it is still in your files, for the details.

The article, once written, will be available to Engineering College Magazines, Associated, an organization composed of the leading collegiate technical publications in the United States. The CO-OPERATIVE ENGINEER will be greatly appreciative and indebted to you for your kindness and trouble in sending us this information.

Sincerely yours,

Clifford Pruefer  
Clifford Pruefer,  
Assistant Editor

*[Handwritten initials]*

*M. H. L. Pye*

GRADUATE COLLEGE  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

June 1 1937.

Mrs Esther S. Bailey,  
Secretary,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs Bailey,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$ 33.00 for my travelling expenses to New York University. I had meant to come along myself some time ago about the matter.

Yours truly,

*M. H. L. Pye*

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Attention Mr. Edward B. Reed  
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